

LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Superintendent of Livestock - Tim Coon

1. Before making entries, read Part 350, Standards for Conduct of Fairs at www.dutchessfair.com. DCAS policy on competitive exhibits applies and the **new**, Dutchess County Exhibitor Code of Conduct to all livestock entries.
2. All cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and poultry will be inspected by the State Veterinarian upon arrival at the fairgrounds. Animals must be accompanied by a valid CVI (certificate of veterinary inspection). **BVD testing results must be included on the Health Certificate and proof of testing must be shown by the exhibitor.** Only after inspection will animals be allowed to enter the barns. The state inspection team will be available on Sunday, August 18th and Monday, August 19th from 8 am-7pm unless special arrangements are made with the livestock superintendent. Hogs, rabbits, cavy, and poultry will be inspected in the respective barns at the discretion of the state veterinarian.
3. Violations of rules - All entries for exhibits of any kind or character in this animal exhibit are subject to these regulations and any violation will subject exhibitors to any penalties the Livestock Committee may order. The Dutchess County Fair reserves to the Management and the Livestock Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or incident to, the show.
4. Entries are open to all competition. Check each department for entry fees. The show management reserves the right to accept or reject entirely, partially or conditionally any entry or application. The management also reserves the right to personally, or appoint a committee, to inspect all entries after they have arrived, and dismiss any entries that would discredit the show.
5. Fair will provide bedding and shavings as follows: 1 Bale per day, per cow. 1 Bale per day for every 2 heifers. (Example: 1 cow, 2 heifers = 2 bales each day). Anything over that can be purchased at market price. Sheep will receive 2 bales of shavings and 1 bale of straw per pen. Goats will receive shavings only.
6. Assignment of Pens/Stalls- The assignment of all the spaces will be made by the superintendent of the breed, or any other person appointed by the Chairperson of Livestock or the committee. No Exhibitor shall change, trade or take extra pens/space without permission of appointed representative. This will be strictly enforced.
7. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MADE BY THE DATE LISTED IN EACH DEPARTMENT** no additions will be made after the close of entries. Changes or substitutions can be made but may not appear in the show program. In the unlikely event pens/barns reach capacity the Superintendent of Livestock and fair management will decide how to proceed.
8. **PARKING FOR 4-H AND OPEN LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WILL BE ON LIVESTOCK HILL. PARKING PASSES WILL BE ISSUED.**
9. All animals exhibited must be in place of exhibit by 8am the first day of the Fair and remain in place until 8pm on the last night of the Fair, Sunday, unless other arrangements are made with livestock superintendent. **ALL EXHIBITORS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR RELEASE ORDER BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024.** All exhibitors must have registration papers available and all animals must have an official, legible ID.
10. No parking of trucks or other vehicles in any of the barn areas.
11. All worthy exhibits competing in the show ring will receive an award (group classes included).
12. Any animal competing in group classes must also be entered in single classes.
13. All animals to be owned by Exhibitors except in Get-of-Sire and Produce of Dam Classes and Dam and Daughter, including Jr. and Sr. Best 3 Female Class.
14. All milk weights will be recorded in the Livestock Office by 5pm daily.
15. Animals must be washed at the wash rack only.
16. 4-H members and sponsor calves are welcome in Open Shows.
17. All livestock award checks will be mailed and made out to the exhibitor. In order to receive full premiums, **ALL LIVESTOCK** must remain on the grounds for the entire fair. All exhibitors accumulating over \$600 in premiums will be required to supply SSN.
18. No canvas and/or draping around barns and no fans or signs in walkways of the barn without approval of the Livestock Superintendent.
19. Livestock Feed Deliveries are requested to be in between 10pm - 9am. In case of emergencies-please seek approval from the Livestock Committee.
20. **ALL BULLS MUST HAVE RINGS OR SNAP RINGS AND MUST BE HANDLED WITH HALTERS AND RINGS.**(Exceptions - calves, nursing cows under 8 months old)
21. No booths, show boxes, chairs allowed in cattle tie area, unless approved by Livestock Superintendent.
22. Premium ribbons or cards have no value as to payments, since awards are paid only from the records of the judge's books.
23. Conduct - False representation, interference, or discourteous conduct by an exhibitor will be dealt with by the Livestock Committee according to the equities of the case. Underage drinking will not be tolerated. **Please see the Dutchess County Exhibitor Code of Conduct.**
24. **New for 2024**
 - * **DC Exhibitor Code of conduct must be signed by each Livestock Exhibitor before admission tickets will be handed out.**
 - * **Easy up tents must allow for proper fire lanes to be maintained between barns, they must be kept neat and clean. Easy-up tents may be asked to be removed by the Livestock Superintendent at anytime.**

Ticket policy for Livestock & 4-H Exhibitors

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR PASSES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING POLICY: Passes are based on number of animals on the grounds for exhibition and will be distributed when health papers are checked by the Livestock Office after check-in by the State Veterinarians. (Please Note 4-H exhibitors are not eligible to receive tickets for open entries as they already receive 4-H wristbands and tickets.

- Beef & Dairy Cattle: All registered exhibitors will receive one 6-Day Pass for the first three head, two 6-Day Passes for four to seven head, three 6-Day Passes for eight head and above.
- Sheep, Goats & Hogs: All registered exhibitors will receive one 6-Day Pass for the first five head, two 6-Day Passes for six head and above.
- Poultry: Two one day passes will be given per exhibitor.

The following procedures will apply to ALL EXHIBITORS: The livestock office or check in is where passes will be obtained. All registered exhibitors must sign for their passes. ANY PASSES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PICKED UP BY MONDAY WILL NOT BE HANDED OUT TO AN ALTERNATE PERSON, NO EXCEPTIONS!

OPEN SHOW LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS - Books of 6 individual tickets will be sold for \$30, depending on amount and type of entries. These will be sold at the discretion of the livestock clerk. Tickets & Passes for Open Livestock Exhibitors only will be on sale through Wednesday, August 21st until 5 pm.

4- H EXHIBITOR PASSES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING POLICY:

- Non-Livestock (i.e. Exhibit Hall departments, shooting sports, canine) 4-H Child/Exhibitor will receive a wristband and 1 book of 6 tickets per family.
- Livestock 4-H Child/Exhibitor will receive a wristband and 2 books of 6 tickets per family. 4-H Livestock exhibitors will not receive additional tickets for open livestock entries.

4-H Wristbands must be worn at all times. Wristbands will be taken at the gate if they are not on wrist or they can be slipped off wrist and the exhibitor will have to pay admission for entry onto fairgrounds. NO REPLACEMENT WRISTBANDS WILL BE ISSUED.

Reduced rate books of 6 individual tickets are available for purchase in the Livestock Office for \$30 until Wednesday until 5pm. Limit 2-at discretion of the livestock office. 4-H members: Be sure to keep your tickets secure as no additional tickets will be distributed. Tickets/passes/wristbands will not be replaced if lost or stolen. 4-H Ticket PICK-UP HOURS: SAT. 8/17, 12 NOON - 3pm SUN. 8/18 12 NOON - 5pm at the 4-H Exhibit Hall.

NO LIABILITY

- EVERY POSSIBLE PROTECTION AND COURTESY WILL BE EXTENDED TO EXHIBITORS AT THE DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR BUT THE BOARD SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OF EXHIBITS, ANIMALS OR EQUIPMENT IN CASE OF FIRE, THEFT OR LOSS FROM ANY OTHER CAUSE.
- THE DUTCHESS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC., ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS, AND EMPLOYEES SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE IN CASE OF INJURY TO EXHIBITORS, CONCESSIONAIRES, OR THE PUBLIC ON THE GROUNDS OR IN THE BUILDINGS FROM ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER WHILE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR.
- ALL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF THE LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS. PRINTING ERRORS OR OMISSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO A FINAL DECISION BY THE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE ONL

Livestock Hill - Barn of Excellence Award

The Barn of Excellence will include all barns/species on Livestock Hill during the 178th Dutchess County Fair. Barns will be judged on the following criteria:

Engagement and welcoming attitude to the fair public	30 points
General Appearance of stalls, animals, and equipment.	30 points
Educational value of display	20 points
Promotion of product.	20 points

All Barns will be judged each day, between 10am and 10pm The main factor in display scoring will be the engagement and welcoming attitude towards the fair public and overall appearance of the barn area. Each day a banner will be presented to the barn having the highest average score. Let's show the fair patrons what Livestock Hill is all about!