


JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT RULES

New and updated rules and regulations are noted with a



DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Monterey County Fair reserves to its management the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations in this exhibitor handbook, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard there to or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair. The Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable, at any time.
2. State Rules and Health Rules applicable to the Senior Department also apply to the Junior Department.
3. The Junior Livestock Exhibitor Code of Conduct applies to all Junior Livestock Departments.
4. All Junior Livestock Exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Online Training. Certificate number must be inserted to ShoWorks by August 1.
5. No outside alcohol is allowed to be brought into or stored in the livestock area. Only alcohol provided by the Master Concessionaire is allowed on the grounds. If caught with outside alcohol, you will be removed from the Fairgrounds for the remainder of the Fair.
6. All exhibitors are required to email in a completed Junior Livestock Exhibitor/Parent Code of Conduct by August 1 to entry@montereycountyfair.com
7. All exhibitors are required to submit Storm Water Survey online no later than August 1.
8. Junior Livestock Exhibitors must enter all exhibits online at: www.montereycountyfair.com. This includes entry for Market, Showmanship, and a Still entry, including payment of applicable entry fees, before stated due dates.
9. **Showmanship is Mandatory** for ALL Junior Livestock Market Animal Exhibitors, excluding all poultry and rabbit exhibitors.
10. Pre-entry for Bred & Fed is mandatory for anyone eligible and wishing to participate.
11. ALL SWINE EXHIBITORS are required to email Prop 12 Certificate from breeder to entry@montereycountyfair.com by August 1st at 11:59 pm.
-  12. **All market animals must be pre-entered by indicated ownership deadline. ALL Market Animals must be tagged with their official Monterey County Fair assigned Ear Tag prior to arrival on grounds. Ear Tags will be provided to all exhibitors prior to fair.**
13. Livestock exhibitors shall fulfill completion of all items in the Entry Checklist on page 4.
14. The MCF Official Vet and MCF Management will have the final and official decision regarding all things pertaining to animal health and safety.

4-H REQUIREMENTS

Complete show attire is required for all 4-H Exhibitors while competing in all Divisions and while receiving awards during the 2026 Monterey County Fair.

DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Solid White Dress Shirt, Long or Short sleeved, collared, button or snap front. Shirts should be tucked in. No T-shirts, Polo Shirts or Sleeveless shirts allowed.
- Clean, White Ankle Length Pants. No Black Pants.
- 4-H Collar or 4-H Tie
- 4-H Cap
- Belts are to be worn if Belt Loops are on pants.

- Boots – If boots are worn, they must be inside pant legs. Footwear must be clean and/or polished. No Sandals or open-toed shoes are to be worn while showing. Tennis Shoes are discouraged.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Levels of 4-H membership are age based. Each level is defined as follows:

- Primary Level: Must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2025 to exhibit at Fair. Primary membership ends when members qualify as Junior members. Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age on or before December 31, 2025, are not eligible to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse & Llama) competitions at California Fairs.
- Junior, Intermediate, and Senior: Must be at least 9 years old on or before December 31, 2025. Exhibitors are eligible to compete through Dec. 31 of the year, which they turn 19 years of age.

FFA REQUIREMENTS

The official uniform of the organization is required for all FFA Exhibitors while competing in all Divisions and while receiving awards during the 2026 Monterey County Fair.

DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

- White trousers. No Black Pants.
- White dress shirt or blouse (long or short sleeved), with the FFA emblem attached to the left pocket and the official FFA four-in-hand necktie.
- The official FFA jacket is optional (if worn, the shirt emblem is not required)
- Belts are to be worn if Belt Loops are on pants.
- Boots – If boots are worn, they must be inside pant legs. Footwear must be clean and/or polished. NO Sandals or open-toed shoes are to be worn while showing. Tennis Shoes are discouraged.
- Hats or headgear of any kind shall not be worn with the official show uniform while showing at Fairs and Livestock Shows.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- FFA members may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school. (For example, a graduate this year is eligible until Dec. 31 next year.)

GRANGE REQUIREMENTS

DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Solid White Dress Shirt, Long or Short sleeved, collared, button or snap front. Shirts should be tucked in. No T-shirts, Polo Shirts or Sleeveless shirts allowed.
- Red Grange Vest
- Dark Blue Jeans
- Belts are to be worn if Belt Loops are on pants.
- Boots – If boots are worn, they must be inside pant legs. Footwear must be clean and/or polished. NO Sandals or open-toed shoes are to be worn while showing. Tennis Shoes are discouraged.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Grange youth members must be at least 5 years old on Jan. 1, 2026, to exhibit. They may exhibit until the end of the calendar year in they reach age 19. All Grange youth members must be at least 9 years old on January 1, 2026, to exhibit large animals (Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Swine, Sheep, Boer Goats, and Market Goats).

INDEPENDENT YOUTH REQUIREMENTS

DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

- White Trousers or Blue Jeans
- Solid White Dress Shirt, Long or Short sleeved, collared, button or snap front. Shirts should be tucked in. No T-shirts, Polo Shirts or Sleeveless shirts allowed.
- Belts are to be worn if Belt Loops are on pants.
- Boots – If boots are worn, they must be inside pant legs. Footwear must be clean and/or polished. NO Sandals or open-toed shoes are to be worn while showing. Tennis Shoes are discouraged.
- Hats or headgear of any kind shall not be worn while showing at Fairs and Livestock Shows.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Independent exhibitors must be at least 9 years old by January 1, 2026. Exhibitors are eligible to complete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years old.
- Exhibitors 13 years old and younger as of January 1, 2026, must enter 4-H Divisions (including Showmanship).
- Exhibitors 14 years old and older as of January 1, 2026, must enter FFA Divisions (including Showmanship).

PARTICIPATION & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Independent Junior Exhibitors must complete the MCF Independent Exhibitor Affidavit Application, as well as submit a letter to MCF Fair Management requesting to show as an Independent Exhibitor no later than April 1st, 2026. NO Late applications will be accepted.
- Two non-parental letters of recommendation must accompany the letter to fair management requesting to be an Independent Exhibitor.
- Independent Junior Exhibitors entering animals must meet all Ownership Requirements for their animals. Independent Exhibitors must include a photo, proof of ownership and ear tags or ear notch information when turning in affidavit.
- Independent Market Animal Exhibitors are required to show proof of liability insurance.
- Exhibitors enrolled in any junior organization for which classes are offered elsewhere are not eligible to enter as Independent Exhibitors.


ENTRY INFORMATION

1. All required entry forms must be signed by the appropriate advisor, leader and/or parent/guardian for the exhibitor to enter in the MCF.
2. Exhibitors who are enrolled in any 4-H, FFA, Grange, or Open Junior group in Poultry or Rabbit Divisions are NOT eligible to enter Senior Poultry or Rabbit Divisions or Vice Versa. Exception to this rule, see State Rule VII Junior Department – Senior Department Restrictions Rule 22. A, B, & C.
3. **ALL Junior Livestock Exhibitors** (Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties) at Monterey County Fair must enter at least one still project for exhibit in this year's Fair. **All still projects must be entered into and delivered on their specific dates. NO LIVESTOCK PROJECTS WILL BE ACCEPTED IF THIS RULE IS NOT MET. ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME. NO EXCEPTIONS.** All other rules in the Entry Guidebook apply.
 - **4-H and FFA Livestock Exhibitors** are to submit still entries through the 4-H & FFA Department.
 - **Independent and Grange Livestock Exhibitors** are to submit still entries through the Junior Home Arts Department.
4. County, District, and State Fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits. Liability insurance is the responsibility and discretion of the junior exhibitor. Therefore, it is

suggested that junior exhibitors consider taking out a liability policy covering themselves and their exhibits. All Independent Market Animal Exhibitors are required to show proof of liability insurance. All other Junior Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to carry liability insurance. A policy may be purchased through California Fair Services Authority for a minimal cost. Call the Fair office at 831/372-5863 for assistance.

5. Breeding, Market Animals, and Rabbits are limited to members of 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent junior exhibitors located in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties. Poultry entries are open to the State of California and Nevada. Market and Breeding Beef Divisions are open to Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties. Dairy Cattle is open to Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties. Space permitting, Dairy Goats are open to Santa Clara, Merced, Stanislaus, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties.
6. **Market Animal Entry Limits** – Exhibitors can show and sell:
 - 1 Market Hog
 - 1 Market Lamb
 - 1 Market Goat
 - 1 Market Steer
 - 1 Market Steer AND 1 Market Lamb
 - 1 Market Steer AND 1 Market Hog
 - 1 Market Steer AND 1 Market Goat
7. Tack Carry Out on the last day of the Fair is not to begin until the scheduled time. If an exhibitor is found in violation of this rule, they will have ALL premiums withheld.

OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. **BREEDING ANIMALS:** Original Registration Certificate including a duplicate (not photocopy) of an Original Registration Certificate certified by a Breed Association showing proof of purchase 30 days prior to opening day of Fair. Registration Papers must be checked by the Entry Office upon arrival at the Fair.
2. **MARKET BEEF** must be owned by May 2nd, 2026.
3. **MARKET HOGS, SHEEP, and GOATS** must be owned by July 2nd, 2026.
4. **RABBITS:** Pedigree papers or Bill of Sale showing ear tattoos or other required entry information (made out to exhibitor) must be available upon request the day of the Rabbit Show.
5. **NON-REGISTERED LIVESTOCK:** Documentary proof of ownership such as a Bill of Sale or Sales Yard Out Billing (made out to exhibitor) must be available on request.
6. **MARKET BEEF EXHIBITORS** must present Bill of Sale showing ownership of the animal for 120 days at Weigh-In.
7. No substitution/replacement may be made for Market Beef 120 days, and/or Market Sheep, Market Goats, or Swine 60 days, before the first day of the Fair. This rule takes precedence over State Rule.
8.  **Animal and horse projects must be owned (and leased horses as specified in this document) solely by and under the exhibitor's care and management and under the supervision of the organization in which the project will be shown as specified below. Animal projects may NOT be shown by another person at ANY other show/jackpot regardless of the other shows' rules, within the animal's ownership period. The official ownership date is the date shown on the receipt of sale unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor. The days are counted prior to the opening day of the fair unless the event in the case of horse shows is held separately from the Fair. Ownership must be maintained through show date(s) of fair or event.**

SHOW CONDITION

ANIMAL CARE

1. Any inhumane or other inappropriate action to animals by an exhibitor may cause disqualification, forfeiture of awards, and removal of the exhibit and/or exhibitor from

the Fairgrounds. This includes failure to clean stalls and/or failure to feed and water animal(s) daily.

2. Bedding for all stalls and pens will NOT be provided.
3. All Junior Livestock Exhibitors shall take responsibility for caring and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be intended to help the student learn new skills. All exhibitors can be assisted by immediate family members and other active exhibitors, eligible to show at the 2026 Monterey County Fair. This rule will be strictly enforced.
4. Exhibitors may have assistance in showing if THE EXHIBITOR has more than one entry in a class. The assistant must be in the same organization and must be in appropriate uniform.
5. All Dairy Goats and Dairy Cattle exhibitors must milk their own animals. No Exceptions.
6. All Beef, Dairy Cattle and Swine washing operations will be performed in wash racks. Sheep can wash in Dairy wash racks. In the event of a severe drought, washing may be limited during the Fair and will be posted in the Livestock Department.
7. Show rings will not be used for tying, feeding, or drying of animals. All Blocking Chutes for all species in designated areas ONLY.
8. ANIMALS MUST BE KEPT IN THE BARN AREA AT ALL TIMES.
9. Feed, bedding, tools, and other show equipment must be stored outside of aisles and walkways.
10. PENS/STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BY 8:00 AM EACH DAY.
11. Electrical extension cords shall be for temporary use only and of the heavy duty three-wire (grounded), hard-usage type. Two wire extension cords shall not be allowed. All extension cords shall be protected from physical damage and shall be limited to 20' in length.
12. The use of stimulants or depressants will not be permitted. Animals must be manageable by the exhibitor and broken to lead. Animals found unmanageable will be removed from the Fairgrounds at the discretion of Fair Management.

SICK OR AILING ANIMALS

1. If there is an indication of any unhealthy animals at the Fair, such animals will be removed immediately and will not receive premiums, if awarded.
2. To eliminate delay in treatment of a sick or ailing animal, the owner extends authority to take such action as deemed expedient and necessary to the Fair Management, when and after diligent attempts have been made to contact the owner or agent of said animal. Fair Management has Power of Attorney for the exhibitor in this instance and by virtue of entering the Monterey County Fair, the 7th District Agricultural Association will not assume any cost for action taken pursuant to this rule.
3. A VETERINARIAN WILL BE ON CALL FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS. THE EXHIBITOR MUST ASSUME ALL THE EXPENSE OF THE VETERINARIAN'S SERVICE IF NEEDED. THIS INCLUDES A SERVICE CHARGE.
4. Livestock Show Management with the best interest of the Fair in mind, shall reserve the right to declare ineligible for competition and/or disqualify any entry from the Junior Livestock Auction that is unsightly, unhealthy, injured, lame, unsound, unable to move on animal's free will, endangers public safety, violates Local Rules or the Fair's Code of Practice or has been entered in violation of these rules and regulations at any time.

LIVESTOCK WASH RACK RULES

1. Livestock are to arrive at the fair 'show ready.
2. Each species shall be washed only in the properly designated washing area.
3. All hoses must be free of leaks and have a shut off nozzle attached.
4. Exhibitors may clean animals using a spray bottle or bucket.

SPECIAL BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE RULES

1. Transportation permits for Beef and Dairy Cattle are mandatory in transporting cattle to and from the Fair. Slips must accompany animals at the scale. Animals will not be weighed without proper paperwork.
2. Market Beef must have a Fair-provided tag in when they arrive on grounds.
3. **FEMALES:** All females twenty-four (24) months of age or older at the beginning day of the Fair must
 - a. have a calf at side, or
 - b. show obvious signs of pregnancy, or
 - c. have a veterinarian certificate for pregnancy.
4. A yellow transportation slip (74-0364) must accompany all cattle.
5. A permanent ear tag or tattoo number is required and must be shown on online entry and will be read at show ring prior to entering ring.
6. Unruly Animals - for public safety, management may disqualify any animal deemed unsafe. If an animal is disqualified it will be required to leave the fairgrounds immediately.

SPECIAL SWINE RULES

1. Market Hogs must have a Fair-provided tag in when they arrive on grounds.
2. No Snares are permitted on grounds or to be used on hogs.
3. If swine are imported directly from states classified Pseudorabies Eradication Program Stage I, II or III, a negative pseudorabies test is required within 30 days before entry in California. These swine must be isolated from other swine and cannot be exhibited until retested and found negative 30 to 60 days after entering California.
4. A regular California entry permit will not be granted for swine vaccinated for pseudorabies however, AHFSS, CDFA may grant a special California entry permit with specific limitation for such swine.
5. **Prop 12 Requirements:** Each exhibitor entering swine at the 2026 Monterey County Fair must submit a Prop 12 Certificate no later than August 1 with online entries.
6. Unruly Animals - for public safety, management may disqualify any animal deemed unsafe. If an animal is disqualified it will be required to leave the fairgrounds immediately.

SPECIAL SHEEP AND GOAT RULES

1. Market Sheep and Goats must have a Fair-provided tag in when they arrive on grounds.
2. ALL Sheep and Goats will be inspected at the scale by a fair designated official. Animals showing evidence of Fungus or other diseases deemed contagious or harmful to others will be required to load out and leave the Monterey County Fairgrounds IMMEDIATELY. no Exceptions.
3. Muzzling of animals is prohibited.
4. All Market and Breeding Lambs must be docked such that the tail (dock) can be lifted. Lambs that have been re-docked or have complete tail removal will not be eligible. SEE STATE RULE IX ANIMALS SPECIES.
5. No nurse goats or sheep shall be brought to the Fair with Market Lambs.
6. Sheep and Goats will remove halters across this scale. No slinkies, leg wraps or blankets are allowed across the scale.
7. Unruly Animals - for public safety, management may disqualify any animal deemed unsafe. If an animal is disqualified it will be required to leave the fairgrounds immediately.

SCALE RULES

1. **CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS AND MEAT PENS:** Market livestock will be classified by weight by Certified Weigh Master on scales provided for that purpose on the Fairgrounds. **THERE WILL BE NO PRE-WEIGHS.**
2. Sheep and Goats will remove halters before going across this scale. No slinkies, leg wraps or blankets are allowed across the scale.
3. All animals must come across the scale completely natural in an unaltered state. No Paints, Pastes or any type of altering substances may be present. If any substance is found on any animals, it will be grounds for disqualification, by discretion of management.
4. **OVERWEIGHT/UNDERWEIGHT ANIMALS:** Overweight/Underweight animals are allowed to stay and participate in Showmanship, otherwise they must be removed from the property no later than 7pm on weigh day.
5. All animals must be clean and dry. Breeding animals must have a minimum of work done, clean and fit in show condition, prior to entering the show ring. Market lambs must have a minimum of carding, with no more than a seven (7) day fleece on their body. **THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED AT THE SCALES.** All animals that do not meet these requirements will not be weighed in and must be corrected before the 6:00 PM weigh-in deadline or they will be removed from the grounds and disqualified.
6. **NO RE-WEIGHS** will be permitted unless the scale is in question. In this case, the exhibitor must request the re-weigh immediately after the animal exits the scale. The animal may not leave the scale area. Fair Staff will reset the scale, balance the scale and re-weigh the animal only one time.. If the animal leaves the scale area there is no option for a re-weigh regardless of circumstance or reason.

RESIDUE AVOIDANCE PROGRAM

1. Monterey County Fair reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division for foreign substance including drugs, chemicals, or feed additives. As a prior condition to accepting an entry, a Declaration of Medication form (found in this book) signed by the exhibitor, Agriculture Instructor, 4-H Leader, Parent or Legal Guardian grants Monterey County Fair permission to test entry animal. This Form must accompany animal at scale.
2. Animals testing positive for an unapproved foreign substance including drugs, chemicals, or feed additives, will be disqualified and declared ineligible. Carcasses of disqualified animals will be disposed of per written instructions from USDA or FDA. If entry is disqualified, no changes will be made in the placing of other animals and the owner and members of his/her immediate family will not be eligible to compete in future Monterey County Fair programs. With passage of law AB489, the seller of animals found to contain residues is liable for triple civil damages plus attorney fees. Federal meat inspectors will be sampling show animals at the packing plants, looking for residues of antibiotics, tranquilizers, and sedatives. Carcasses that are positive are condemned, and the FDA and CDFA are notified so enforcement action can be taken.
3. If foreign substance residues including drugs, chemicals, or feed additives are found in tissues of carcass of animals sold through the Junior Livestock Auction Sale, Monterey County Fair will in no way be liable or responsible for conditions of carcass or sale price of animals. If, for any reason, any part of a carcass must be removed by USDA inspectors, sale price will be discounted accordingly.
4. Test samples collected from any animal must have zero tolerance for any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance including drugs, chemicals, or feed additives, unless otherwise established as permissible by the USDA or FDA. Premiums and sale proceeds will be withheld until tests are completed. Expense of testing will be paid by exhibitor.

5. **POSTMORTEM EXAMINATIONS:** Monterey County Fair reserves the right to perform a postmortem examination of any animal which dies at Monterey County Fair. If required, this must be performed by an official veterinarian at the expense of the exhibitor.
6. Junior Livestock Auction Declaration of Animal Medication Form **MUST** accompany animal on **WEIGH-IN DAY.**
7. It is extremely important that withdrawal periods be strictly complied with for all medications used in animals that are going to market. These withdrawal times and approved uses are listed on the labels of each medication. If a use or species is not found on the label, it is not legal for that purpose, and this medication should not be used.

SHOWMANSHIP

8. Animals shown in showmanship must be owned by the exhibitor, entered by the exhibitor and shown in an appropriate market or breeding class. If the exhibitor has a market animal that does not meet the weight requirements and as a result may not show in an individual market class, the exhibitor may use this animal for showmanship if and only if this animal is the only animal the exhibitor has brought to the Fair.
9. **Showmanship is Mandatory** for all 4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent Livestock Market Animal exhibitors, excluding all poultry and rabbit exhibitors.
10. **NO UNALTERED MALES** allowed in Showmanship Divisions, except Rabbits, Poultry and Dairy Divisions.
11. **AGE REQUIRED FOR SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES IS THE EXHIBITOR'S AGE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RABBIT EXHIBITORS. AGE REQUIRED FOR RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES IS THE EXHIBITOR'S AGE ON DAY OF SHOW.**
12. **Top Two Winners** of each class may progress and compete in the next class **ONLY** if there is a Showmanship Class offered.
13. **4-H PRIMARY SHOWMANSHIP:** 4-H Youth aged 5 to 8 years. Limited to **RABBIT** and **POULTRY** Exhibitors **ONLY.**
 - This Division has no entry fee.
 - No premiums or awards money are offered for this Division.
14. **MASTER SHOWMANSHIP:** Top two (2) winners of 4-H Senior and FFA Senior Showmanship for **SHEEP, SWINE, MARKET GOATS, and BEEF ONLY** may progress and compete in Master Showmanship competition. Top two (2) 4-H Senior and top two (2) FFA Senior showmen will show together; one Master Showman will be chosen.
 - **MASTER SHOWMAN AWARDS:**
1st Place per Specie – Award & Ribbon

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

- 4-H Novice:** Exhibitor aged 9, 10 or 11 who has never shown this animal species in Showmanship at any Fair.
- 4-H Junior:** Exhibitor aged 9-13 who has previously shown this animal species at any Fair, and Exhibitor aged 12-13 who has never shown this animal species at any Fair.
- 4-H Senior:** Exhibitor aged 14-19 who has previously shown this animal species in Showmanship at any Fair, and Exhibitor aged 14-19 who has never shown this species in Showmanship at any Fair.
- FFA Novice:** Exhibitor must have never shown this animal species in Showmanship at any Fair.
- FFA Senior:** Exhibitor who has previously shown this animal species in Showmanship at any Fair.

PASSES AND CREDENTIALS

1. All junior livestock exhibitors are required to purchase a \$30.00 Livestock Exhibitor Wristband at the time of entering their projects. A sibling/parent pass for \$30.00 may be sold to livestock exhibitor families. Exhibitors may only purchase 1 Exhibitor pass and a maximum of four (4) Parent/Sibling passes.

2. If Exhibitor Wristband is tampered with, lost, or confiscated the exhibitor will have to purchase a replacement for \$30.00.
3. The Monterey County Fair would like to continue FREE passes for advisors and leaders. Additional passes needed may still be purchased for \$30.00 each. These passes will be available in your club packet. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE PROCESSED OR OFFERED FOR PASSES PURCHASED.**

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

1. A Junior Livestock Auction will be held at Monterey County Fairgrounds. Only animals exhibited at the Monterey County Fair in the Junior Livestock Department will be eligible for sale.
2. It is the sole responsibility of each exhibitor to take his/her own animal or project through the auction ring. Failure to do so will include forfeiture of awards, premiums, and sale proceeds.
3. ALL Auction checks will be held for a minimum of sixteen (16) days after Auction, except for any animal found to have residues in tissues of carcass. Premium awards and auction payments will be paid only as recorded on the signed judging sheet and/or Junior Livestock Auction sales records and only to the exhibitor. Checks may be picked up on the designated day as listed in the Entry Guidebook by the exhibitor only. If the exhibitor is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian may be designated to pick up check payment. Verification of parent or guardian will be requested at pick up. ALL JLA & Trophy Sponsor Thank You notes must be turned in by the designated day of check pick up. Checks will not be released unless all Thank You letters are submitted. All premium and auction checks must be cashed within 90 days; there will be a replacement fee of \$50.00 plus bank fees for each check.
4. Monterey County Fair Junior Livestock Auction is a **TERMINAL SALE**, all animals deemed market ready and judged will be sold through the auction. **Once an animal is judged and deemed market ready**
5. Exhibitors must be present in uniform of their respective organization to sell their animal.
6. The owner of the animals shall have his/her animal ready at the time of sale to be sold. No exceptions will be made except in extreme emergencies.
7. All animals must be presented in Show Condition. Exhibitors **CANNOT DECORATE THEIR ANIMALS: NO GLITTERS.**
8. No breeding stock will be sold through the auction ring.
9. A 9.0% selling charge will be collected on all livestock sold, and \$2.00 will be deducted from all Market Beef sales for the California Beef Council. A .004% selling charge for Swine for Pork Promotion will also be charged.
10. A \$20.00 charge will be withheld from exhibitor checks for all animals to cover the cost of two (2) 5"x7" color pictures taken of exhibitor and animal.
11. **Every exhibitor** of livestock is **REQUIRED** to write a **Thank You** letter to buyers of their animals. Any exhibitor not fulfilling this requirement is subject to being barred from selling at future sales of the Monterey County Fair Junior Livestock Auction.
12. The Change of Ownership of any animal sold through the Auction does not change to buyer of said animal until the exhibitor is released from the Fairgrounds at 5:00 PM on last day of Livestock Show/Fair. Any exhibitor dismissed from the Monterey County Fair for misconduct will forfeit payment of animal sold through the Livestock Auction and buyer of that animal will be released from any obligation for payment. The offending exhibitor will not be allowed to enter or exhibit again at the Monterey County Fair.
13. For animals that become deceased after the junior livestock auction, the owner/exhibitor of said animal will forfeit payment for animal and be required to return the

check to Auction Chairman, and the buyer of the animal shall be released from any obligation.

14. Monterey County Fair Junior Livestock Auction Committee discourages exhibitors from giving alcohol as a buyer's gift. The Heritage Foundation will be selling gift certificates to give as a gift option.
15. Market animal weights at a glance:
 - a. Market Swine 210 lbs-280 lbs.
 - b. Market Beef 1,000 lbs - 1,450 lbs.
 - c. Market Sheep 105 lbs-160 lbs
 - d. Market Goats 60 lbs-125 lbs
 - e. Market Rabbits-Meat Pen of three
 - i. 3.5 lbs - 5.5 lbs
 - f. Market Poultry - Meat Pen of two
 - i. 4 lbs - 9 lbs
16. **All exhibitors must provide a picture with their animal to show on the screen at the Junior Livestock Auction. Exhibitor must be in at least the top half of a 4-H/FFA uniform. Pictures must be submitted no later than August 15th to entry@montereycountyfair.com.**

2026 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION SALE ORDER

**Beef
Goats
Rabbits
Poultry
Sale of Champions
Hogs
Lambs**

Fair Management and the Junior Livestock Auction Chairman reserve the right to change the sale order if deemed necessary.

