

MONTEREY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND EVENT CENTER'S 2026 ENTRY GUIDEBOOK

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***New, Added, & Enhanced for 2026
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On behalf of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, I am delighted to welcome you and to thank you for your involvement as we look ahead to the 2026 fair season. Each year, our fairs bring people together from every corner of our state to celebrate agriculture, community, and the dedication of those who make it all possible.

The heart of every fair lies in its people: families, volunteers, youth leaders, and countless others who share their talents and passions. Your participation as exhibitors strengthens these connections, turning each fair into a place where learning, collaboration, and pride in California agriculture come to life.

We are especially grateful for the young people who engage through 4-H, FFA, Grange, and other youth programs. Their enthusiasm and commitment represent the future of agriculture, inspiring the next generation to value hard work, stewardship, and innovation. The skills they develop through these programs, such as leadership, responsibility, and community service, extend far beyond the fairgrounds and enrich the entire state. These experiences are supported by the very spaces that make them possible, which continue to serve their communities long after the fair season ends.

Our fairgrounds are more than event spaces; they are year-round centers of community life. They host educational workshops, local markets, and cultural celebrations that bring people together and strengthen our shared sense of belonging. During emergencies, they also serve as critical response and recovery sites, underscoring their role as essential community infrastructure. These roles highlight the enduring partnership between our fairgrounds and the exhibitors, volunteers, and communities that keep them thriving.

We recognize and deeply appreciate the effort, care, and time you invest in preparing for the fair. Your commitment ensures that these traditions continue to thrive and that agriculture remains at the heart of California's identity.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support. We look forward to another successful fair season and to celebrating the incredible spirit of California's agricultural community together.

Yours truly,



Karen Ross
Secretary

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2026 edition of the Monterey County Fair Entry Guidebook. This publication will provide all the information needed to enter your home goods, paintings, livestock, etc. into Monterey County Fair for judging and display. Our exhibit program is an excellent way to show off your talents, earn bragging rights, and have fun! Need help?

Call the Entry Office 831-372-5865 We are happy to answer your questions!

HOW TO USE OUR GUIDEBOOK AND SUBMIT ENTRIES

- Enter all exhibits online at:
www.montereycountyfair.com
- Review the “Table of Contents” to discover the areas that interest you, then check due dates and deadlines.
- Each department specifies rules, regulations, entry due dates, exhibit receiving dates, and other important information.
- **PLEASE NOTE: ALL LOCAL and STATE RULES APPLY to all Departments and Divisions.**
Local Rules – Included in this guidebook.
State Rules for California Fairs – Available on the California Department of Food & Agriculture website, the Monterey County Fair Website and a copy is on file at the Monterey County Fair Livestock Office. Visit:
<https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/>
- Complete the online entry form and submit it with entry fees, if applicable, before the due date. Mail paper entry forms to the address listed on each, or bring them to the Fair Office, 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
- Fill the forms out **COMPLETELY**, provide Division and Class numbers with descriptions or titles.
- Junior exhibitors must indicate age and have parent and/or youth organization leader’s signature.
- Divisions and Classes will be judged under the American system and/or the Danish system.
American – The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second, etc.
Danish – The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first placings, etc. as merited.
- All entries **MUST BE ORIGINAL** and must have been completed by the entrant within the past year and not entered in a prior Monterey County Fair.
- All entries must be **IDENTIFIED**, preferably on back upper left corner or under base with the entrant’s name, address, phone number, Division number, Class, and title. Title must be the same as given on the online entry. All information is to be neatly hand printed or typed.
- For further general information, letters from the Governor and CDFA Secretary as well as more Monterey County Fair information, please check website.
www.montereycountyfair.com

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IDENTIFIED

Title **MUST** be the same as given on the online entry.

All information is to be neatly hand printed or typed.

Entrant’s Name
Address
Phone Number
Division Number Class
Title

Samples

Howdy Do
240 Green Pasture, Monterey, CA 93940
831-555-0040
Division 506 Class 2
My Little Buckaroo

Buck A Roo
2022 Pasture Pl, Monterey, CA 93940
831-555-0124 Class 1
Division 500
out on the Range

PREPARE FOR FUN AT THE FAIR

Tips to Make Your Visit Hassle-free & Memorable

We believe Monterey County Fair plays a very important role in our community. We appreciate that you and others chose to join us to celebrate time-honored traditions that reflect the diversity of our area.

MCF Staff and Volunteers do their best to put on a great Fair and take pride in showcasing our community through performances, events, and exhibits.

MCF Livestock Show and Still exhibits showcase the link between agriculture, the public, and local farmers and ranchers. When visiting the Fair, you will see displays of local crops, crafts, and livestock – all intended to help educate you and our community about our state's agricultural sector.

CLEAR BAG POLICY

- Bags must be clear plastic or vinyl or PVC and not exceed 12" by 6" by 12".
- without a handle or strap are permitted.
- *Exceptions may be made for medically necessary items after inspection.*
- Animals are not allowed on the Fairgrounds
- Exception may be made for approved service animals

SCREENING POLICY

To ensure a safe, pleasant, family-oriented setting, the Fair will conduct bag searches and security screening utilizing metal detectors at entrance gates.

Prohibited items on the Fairgrounds include

- Bottles, cans, glass containers, or hard sided sealed plastic bottles
- Weapons: guns, knives, mace/pepper spray/stream (or any other items that could be considered or used as weapons)
- Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, skates/rollerblades, and Segways
- Toy guns, water pistols, or imitation weapons
- Gang colors or paraphernalia
- Alcohol, cannabis products in any form, illegal substances, narcotics, any related paraphernalia
- Unauthorized flyers and leaflets
- Outside food and beverages (unless for medical reasons)
- Unmanned aerial vehicles
- Chairs, tents, tables, and large shade umbrellas
- Fireworks, firecrackers
- Any items deemed dangerous or inappropriate by Fair staff

ENTERTAINMENT AND EXHIBITS

Fair admission includes all exhibits and entertainment. Take time to visit the exhibit halls and see agricultural products, floriculture, arts and crafts, and wool.

COLORING CONTEST

- Four Grand Prize Winners: Winners in specific age groups will receive a Family Fun Pack of 4 tickets by email.
- Coloring Page and Rules at www.montereycountyfair.com

RECEIVING & RELEASE SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT	ENTRY DUE	ENTRY RECEIVED		ENTRY RELEASED
AGRICULTURE – Salinas Room Feature Exhibits Produce	8/1	Mon., Aug. 31 Tue., Sept. 1	10 AM – 4 PM 10 AM – 4 PM	10 AM–4 PM Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8
FLORICULTURE – Salinas Room Arrangements and Cut Flowers Potted Plants Displays, Table Settings, & Mantels	8/1	Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1	1 PM – 4 PM 1 PM – 4 PM 1 PM – 4 PM	10 AM–4 PM Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8
ADULT HOME ARTS – Monterey Room Baked Goods Preserved Foods and Home Brews Arts & Crafts, Jewelry, and Toys Home Furnishings & Decorations Hook & Needle Crafts Weaving and Spinning Quilting and Sewing Scrapbooking and Card Making Special Friends	8/1	Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23	11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM	Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 10 AM–4 PM
THANK A VETERAN – Monterey Room	8/1	Sun., Aug. 23	11 AM – 4 PM	Gifted to Vet Group
JUNIOR HOME ARTS – Monterey Room Baking & Confections Preserved Foods Table Setting Arts; Crafts; Clothing; Photography Miscellaneous	8/1	Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23	11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM	10 AM–4 PM Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8
VISUAL ARTS – Monterey Room Three-Dimensional Arts Two-Dimensional Arts Photography Fine Arts	8/1	Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23 Sun., Aug. 23	11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM 11 AM – 4 PM	10 AM–4 PM Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8
Wool (Fleeces & Handcrafted)	8/1	Wednesday, August 19		10 AM–4 PM Tues., Sept. 8
4-H & FFA – Monterey Room 4-H Baked Goods 4-H & FFA Feature Spaces All 4-H Still Entries All FFA Still Entries	8/1	Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 30 Sun., Aug. 30	8 AM – 2 PM 8 AM – 2 PM 8 AM – 2 PM 8 AM – 2 PM	10 AM–4 PM Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8 Tues., Sept. 8
LIVESTOCK 4-H & FFA Beef 4-H & FFA Dairy Cattle 4-H & FFA Dairy Goats 4-H & FFA Swine 4-H & FFA Sheep 4-H & FFA Meat Goats 4-H & FFA Poultry 4-H & FFA Meat Rabbits	8/1	Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1 Tue., Sept. 1 Sun, Aug. 30 Sun, Aug. 30	6AM – 5 PM 6AM – 5 PM 6AM – 5 PM 6AM – 5 PM 6AM – 5 PM 6AM – 5 PM 8AM – 9AM 8AM – 9AM	Monday, September 7 Monday, September 7 Monday, September 7 Monday, September 7 Monday, September 7 Monday, September 7 Sunday, August 30 Sunday, August 30

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entries should be completed **ONLINE** using ShoWorks. Those without access to computers or internet may complete and submit paper entry forms (Wool Department Only). Entries must be submitted with any necessary payment by **August 1 at 11:59 PM** – all exhibitors must adhere to the Receiving & Release Schedule on page 3. Entries are not considered complete until they are delivered on the posted **Entry Received** date.

New and updated rules and regulations are noted with a



ONLINE ENTRY REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRIES!

ADULT & JUNIOR EXHIBITS

1. Online Entry Required Due August 1st!
2. Adhere to Receiving & Release Schedule on page 2.

WOOL EXHIBITS

1. **ONLINE ENTRY** Due August 1 Online by 11:59 PM or **PAPER ENTRY POSTMARKED** by August 1
No late entries accepted.
2. Adhere to Receiving & Release Schedule

MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITS

- ★ 1. **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.**
1. **Due by August 1st at 11:59 PM:** E-mail to entry@montereycountyfair.com:
 - a. **YQCA Certification:** YQCA certificate (entire certificate) e-mailed.
 - b. **Exhibitor Code of Conduct/Parent Code of Conduct:** Read, review, sign and e-mailed.
 - c. **PROP 12 Certification (Hogs Only):** E-mail certificate from breeder.
2. **Due by August 1st at 11:59 PM: Storm Water Survey:** Completed online
<https://forms.gle/6nf6SsuUrp4Hr2Jj8>
3. **Due by August 15th:** Email a picture of exhibitor and animal for display at the Jr. Livestock Auction to entry@montereycountyfair.com.
4. **Declaration of Animal Medication Form:** Submit at Scales
5. ALL Junior Livestock Exhibitors (Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties) at Monterey County Fair must enter at least one still exhibit project in this year's Fair. All still projects must be entered into and delivered on their specific dates.
6. Adhere to Receiving & Release Schedule

BREEDING & DAIRY ANIMAL EXHIBITS

1. **Due by August 1st at 11:59 PM:** E-mail to entry@montereycountyfair.com:
 - a. **YQCA Certification:** YQCA certificate (entire certificate) e-mailed.
 - b. **Exhibitor Code of Conduct/Parent Code of Conduct:** Read, review, sign and e-mailed.
2. **Due by August 1st at 11:59 PM: Storm Water Survey:** Completed online
<https://forms.gle/6nf6SsuUrp4Hr2Jj8>
3. Registration Papers and Bill of Sale: Present on Livestock Receiving date.
4. ALL Junior Livestock Exhibitors (Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties) at Monterey County Fair must enter at least one still exhibit project in this year's Fair. All still projects must be entered into and delivered on their specific dates.
5. Adhere to Receiving & Release Schedule

RABBIT & POULTRY EXHIBITS

1. **Due by August 1st at 11:59 PM:** E-mail to entry@montereycountyfair.com:
 - a. **YQCA Certification:** YQCA certificate (entire certificate) e-mailed.
 - b. **Exhibitor Code of Conduct/Parent Code of Conduct:** Read, review, sign and e-mailed.
2. **Due by August 1st at 11:59 PM: Storm Water Survey:** Completed online
<https://forms.gle/6nf6SsuUrp4Hr2Jj8>
3. ALL Junior Livestock Exhibitors (Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties) at Monterey County Fair must enter at least one still exhibit project in this year's Fair. All still projects must be entered into and delivered on their specific dates.
4. Adhere to Receiving & Release Schedule

LOCAL RULES

1. Monterey County Fair will be open to the public from September 3-7, 2026.
2. Please carefully read all the rules and regulations that pertain to your entry department.
3.  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.
4. Due to the limited space in the livestock area, there will be no bogus entries to subsequently use the space for storage, picnics, rest areas, etc. Storage in areas will be designated, but is limited. This rule will be strictly enforced by the Fair Management. After weigh-in, the Fair Management has the authority to change stall space as necessary. Your cooperation is expected.
5. State Rules, Health Rules and Score Cards for judging as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions apply to all entries of this Fair. A copy of the State Rules may be obtained at the local Fair Office, on our website or from the Division of Fairs and Expositions website. Questions can be answered by contacting MCF Administration Office at 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940, or call 831/372-5863. Submit entry forms as early as possible to ensure space for your exhibit. Official entry forms are available online: www.montereycountyfair.com. Office hours are 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. No refunds will be given to exhibitors or organizations.
6. **PAYMENT OF FEES:** Online Entry Fees shall be paid by credit card only. Paper Entry Forms (still/non-livestock only) fees may be paid with cash or personal or business check. Monterey County Fair policy for bounced checks: \$25.00 service fee per check plus all bank fees will be added to the amount of the bounced check. Entries will not be accepted until ALL fees are paid. MCF reserves the right to refuse payment from accounts with bad credit history.
7. **ALL ONLINE ENTRY FORMS** must contain correct names, mailing address (with proper zip code), telephone number, and, for Junior entries, the age of the exhibitor. Paper Entry Forms (still/non-livestock only) must be postmarked on or before midnight for designated dates and times.
8. All drapes, hangings, curtains, drops and all other decorative materials that would tend to increase the fire and panic hazards shall be made from non-flammable material or shall be treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition by means of a flame-retardant solution or process approved by the State Fire Marshal, as set forth in Sub Chapter 8, Chapter 1, Title 19, CAC. Exit doors, exit lights, fire alarm sending stations, wet standpipe hose cabinets, and fire extinguishers shall not be concealed or obstructed by any decorative material.
9. Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion, and other exhibits that might cause accidents, injury, or damage to people coming in contact with them shall guard their exhibits and protect the public. Every such exhibitor shall indemnify the 7th District Agriculture Association from and against all claims and demands, costs, charges, and expenses which it may incur, suffer, or be put to, by reason of any accident or of any person being injured or suffering damages.
10. As a consideration of their exhibits or participation in events on Monterey County Fairgrounds the exhibitor holds harmless the U.S. Government or other parties from which the Fair leases ground from any and all claims or demands of any kind or nature which may be incurred directly by reason of such exhibits or participation including any and all claims or demands of their agents, servants and employees, or spectators of such exhibits or events.
11. Neither the Fair Management nor Departments will they be responsible for unclaimed articles. All precautions will be taken during the Fair to protect the entries, but no liability for loss or damage from any cause can be assumed by the Department or the Fair Management. If entries are not picked up/claimed prior to one month after the last day of fair, these exhibits will be donated are discarded.
12. No signs may be placed on or at any exhibit, nor shall any advertising be posted at exhibits or animal pens without permission of Fair Management.
13. Local divisions are open only to legal residents or producers from Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Luis Obispo counties unless otherwise indicated.
14. Extended divisions include entries from California and the eleven Western States.
15. Judge(s) shall award placing according to merit; and/or without merit, judge(s) shall make no award under any circumstances. This rule applies whether there are one or more entries in the class. See State Rule II Judging (1-7).
16. Entries cannot be entered in "Any Other" classification if there is a Division and Class for the specific item.
17. Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled unless otherwise instructed by the rules of the Department, Division, or Class.
18. Items which have been shown/displayed at a previous Monterey County Fair are not eligible for competition.

19. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, NO EXHIBIT SHALL BE RELEASED UNTIL THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED IN EACH SECTION OF THE ENTRY GUIDEBOOK. All entries are to be picked up at the building or area where it was displayed, and the owner must present the claim check to the Building Clerk. No exception to this rule will be allowed without written permission from the Management of Monterey County Fair prior to the starting Fair date. Any exhibitor who removes his/her exhibit before the release date will have his/her premium monies withheld by Management.

20. PROTESTS: Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of the State or Local Rules that have not been enforced. Decisions of judges, veterinarians, weighmasters, Livestock Superintendents, breed callers, tail dock officials and timers cannot be protested and are final. All Protests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$500.00 (cash only) NOTE: The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld. Given the short duration of the fair:

- The protestor shall make every effort to file the protest prior to judging. All protests must be filed in writing within 24 hours of the time of the cause of the protest and before the conclusion of fair.
- The fair will make every effort to resolve protests as quickly as possible. All exhibitors by entering an exhibit and all people by filing a protest agree to cooperate with Fair Management to resolve protests in a timely manner.
- Protests shall be adjudicated by Fair Management and/or members of Board of Directors.

Any exhibit involved in a filed protest before or during judging is eligible to compete until the protest is resolved.

Classes that involve a protested exhibit will not become official until the protest is resolved.

- In championship or special award classes that involve the protested exhibit the judge shall also select 1st and 2nd runners-up in case of disqualification.
- In the case of protest, the unofficial judging results may be used to prepare the sale list and other necessary information.

At the discretion of the CEO, judging can be delayed allowing time for the Fair to resolve the protest if to do so does not unreasonably delay or disrupt the operations of the Fair judging and auction events.

All questions concerning competition or non-protestable disputes or differences with staff or the exhibition not provided for under the State or Local Rules shall be referred to fair management or their designee, whose decision shall be final.

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No protest will be accepted unless it:

- Is filed or received, in writing, with a signed original and a signed duplicate copy.
- Clearly states which rule has been violated.
- States when the protestor first became aware of the facts and rule violation.

- States the facts relied upon for the basis of the protest.
- States that the protestor will cooperate with the investigation of the protest and that the protestor will be available and agrees to attend any hearing held to resolve the protest at the time and place directed by fair management
- Includes the names of supporting witnesses, with accessible phone numbers, and contact information and
- Describes or attaches any document relating to the protest, which must include the written decision issued by the local arbitrating body.

21. AWARDS: Ribbons and premium checks will be available at the time of release of the exhibit or will be mailed to the exhibitor according to the address printed on the online entry. \$50.00 will be charged for all replacement checks. All checks must be cashed in within 90 days. NO checks will be issued after 90 days. Livestock premium checks will be presented to exhibitors on the date assigned by Fair annually. 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 an 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.

22. Sweepstakes and Divisions Scoring will be as follows:

- 1st Place = 5 points,
- 2nd Place = 3 points,
- 3rd Place = 1 point.

23. Sweepstakes shall be awarded only when at least three (3) separate exhibitors have achieved at least a combined point total of 30 points. To receive sweepstakes awards, an exhibitor must have a minimum of 10 points. (Please see Section VI-Awards and Scoring located under State Rules.)

24. Upon signature and submittal of entry form, exhibitors and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledge that:

- a. They understand the State Rules and local fair rules.
- b. They agree to abide by these rules.
- c. They certify that all information on the form is true & accurate.
- d. They agree to comply with the fair's decision regarding any violation of the state or local rules.
- e. If it is determined there has been unethical treatment of animals or violation of state or federal regulations or of state or local fair drug policy rules, exhibitor's names will be forwarded to F & E as well as given to the Network of California fairs and to appropriate government agencies.

25. All state rules are applicable for all competitions.

OPEN AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

ENTRY FORMS DUE

August 1, 2026

ENTRY FEES

Feature Exhibits – \$50.00 per Booth

Agricultural Photography – \$5.00 per Item

Non-Commercial Divisions, Honey, and Beeswax – \$2.00 per Item

EXHIBITS RECEIVED

Tuesday, September 1st, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

BOOTH INSTALLATION COMPLETED BY

Monday, August 31st, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Agriculture Building (Salinas Room)

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Individual and commercial exhibitors are required to keep their perishable displays of fruit and vegetables in market condition for the duration of the Fair. Perishable commodities must be replaced at least once between 10:00 AM and 12 NOON on the following schedule of Fair days: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Refrigeration for replacement exhibits will be provided by the Fair.
2. A **Commercial exhibitor** shall be defined as one who engages in an activity for monetary profit.
3. A **Non-commercial exhibitor** shall be defined as one who engages in an activity as a pastime rather than a profession.
4. Please note the entry limitations listed at the beginning of the Divisions or Classes.
5. Commercial Divisions have no entry fees and no premiums.

FEATURE EXHIBITS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entry forms for Feature Exhibits (Booths) should indicate the approximate number of square feet required for the display. Feature Booth measurements are set at an 8' height for rear walls. Please contact the Building Superintendent through the Fair Office 831-372-5863 for further space information.
2. All water containers within booths shall be lined and leak proof.
3. Commercial frozen or canned foods will not qualify in the judging of Feature Booths.
4. All wiring contained within an exhibit booth must be type "S" or heavier. All booth supplies must be provided by the exhibitor.

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS DIVISION 100

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
\$150.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	Plaque

DIVISION 100 FEATURE EXHIBITS (BOOTHS)

Feature Exhibitors should display agriculture and concentrate on the process of growing, harvesting, and marketing. The exhibit should be presented in such a manner as to inform the public of the value, need, desirability and interest to the consumer. The educational value should be the most important part of the exhibit.

CLASS:

- 1) Feature Booth maximum 200 sq. ft. (non-commercial)
- 2) Feature Booth maximum 200 sq. ft. (commercial)

PRODUCE PACKS

PRODUCT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No more than two entries per exhibitor per class. Except category "Any Other Variety" (unlimited entries).
2. If you are unable to find an appropriate class for your product, please call our Entry Staff at 831/372-5863 for assistance.
3. A variety of products must be adequately and correctly labeled. Rules as to quantity or number must be strictly adhered to.
4. All Agriculture and Horticulture products entered by individuals and commercial exhibitors must have been produced (grown) in Monterey County by the exhibitor in current year production or be a Monterey County company with production in San Benito and/or Santa Cruz counties.
5. The quality desired in Agricultural and Horticultural products exhibits is the quality that brings the best financial return in the commercial market, and such exhibits must be at least equal maturity as that state of ripeness required by Sections 42513: "Mature" means having reached that stage of ripeness which will insure palatability, after the removal of the product from the tree, plant, or vine. Section 42515: "Overripe" means having an advanced state of maturity which causes the product to be undesirable for human consumption in a fresh state.
6. Perishable displays (excluding dried nuts, dried fruits, pumpkins, mature squash, and seeds) will not be returned unless the exhibitor has previously arranged with the Management in writing for such return.
7. JUDGING: American system of judging will be used for all divisions except Division 112 which will use Danish.
8. Unless otherwise stated, the type of vegetables desired for exhibit will be a uniform commercial grade rather than overgrown.
9. Monstrosities will not be considered for premium awards.
10. COMMERCIAL DIVISIONS HAVE NO ENTRY FEES AND NO PREMIUMS.

AWARDS OFFERED PER CLASS

COMMERCIAL DIVISIONS

1st Place – Ribbon

2nd & 3rd Place – Ribbons (if requested)

NON-COMMERCIAL DIVISIONS

1st Place – Premiums & Ribbon

2nd & 3rd Place – Premiums

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS NON-COMMERCIAL DIVISIONS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

DIVISION 101 FOOD SERVICE PACK (COMMERCIAL)

CLASS:

- 1) Baby Iceberg

- 2) Broccoli Florets – 3 lbs.
- 3) Carrot Sticks – 5 lbs.
- 4) Cauliflower Florets – 1 lb. or less
- 5) Cauliflower Florets – 3 lbs. or more
- 6) Green Onion – 2 lbs.
- 7) Romaine Hearts – 3/bag or 6/bag, please specify
- 8) Romaine Hearts – Naked Liner Pack
- 9) Food Service Pack, Any Other Variety, please specify
- 10) Organic Food Service Pack, Any Other Fruit or Vegetable Variety, please specify

DIVISION 102 SALAD PRODUCTS (COMMERCIAL)

CLASS:

- 1) Cabbage, please specify variety
- 2) Lettuce, please specify variety
- 3) Lettuce, Whole Green Leaf Leaves – 10 lbs. or less
- 4) Lettuce, Whole Romaine Leaves – 10 lbs. or less
- 5) Romaine, please specify variety
- 6) Salad Mix – 5 lbs. bag
- 7) Spring Mix – 1 lb. or less bag
- 8) Spinach – 2 1/2 lbs. bag
- 9) Spinach – 6 to 10 oz. bag
- 10) Salad Products, Any Other Variety, please specify
- 11) Organic Salad Products, Any Variety, please specify

DIVISION 103 VEGETABLES (NON-COMMERCIAL)

CLASS:

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (PLATE DISPLAY)

- 1) Tomatoes, Any Variety, please specify – 3 to 10
- 2) Vine Crop, Any Other Variety, please specify
- 3) Fruit and Pod Vegetable, Any Variety, please specify

LEAFY AND STEM VEGETABLES (PLATE DISPLAY)

- 4) Broccoli, Any Variety – 1 bunch
- 5) Cabbage, Any Variety – 2 heads
- 6) Cauliflower, Any Variety – 2 heads
- 7) Celery – 2 stalks
- 8) Lettuce, Any Variety – 2 heads, please specify variety
- 9) Root, Bulb, and or Tuber, Any Variety, please specify
- 10) Vegetables, Non-Commercial, Any Other Variety, please specify

DIVISION 104 VEGETABLES (COMMERCIAL)

CLASS:

FRUIT AND POD VEGETABLES (PLATE DISPLAY)

- 1) Beans, Any Variety, please specify – 3 to 10 pods
- 2) Tomatoes, Any Variety, please specify – 3 to 10 specimens
- 3) Vine Crop, Any Other Variety, please specify
- 4) Fruit and Pod Vegetable, Any Variety, please specify

LEAFY AND STEM VEGETABLES (PLATE DISPLAY – NO CELLO PACKS)

- 5) Anise/Sweet Fennel – 2 bulbs
- 6) Artichokes – 3 globes
- 7) Broccoli, Any Variety – 1 bunch
- 8) Broccoli, Export – 1 bunch
- 9) Brussels Sprouts – 10 Sprouts
- 10) Cabbage, Any Variety, please specify – 2 heads
- 11) Cactus Pears – 3 specimens
- 12) Cauliflower, Any Variety, please specify – 2 heads
- 13) Celery – 2 stalks
- 14) Cilantro – 2 bunches
- 15) Kale – 2 bunches
- 16) Leeks – 2 counts
- 17) Lettuce, Butter – 2 heads
- 18) Lettuce, Endive/Escarole – 2 heads
- 19) Lettuce, Iceberg – 2 heads
- 20) Lettuce, Green Leaf – 2 heads
- 21) Lettuce, Red Leaf – 2 heads
- 22) Lettuce, Romaine Red – 2 heads
- 23) Lettuce, Romaine – 2 heads
- 24) Lettuce, Any Other Variety, please specify – 2 heads
- 25) Parsley, Italian – 2 bunches
- 26) Parsley, Curled – 2 bunches
- 27) Radicchio – 2 heads
- 28) Rapini – 1 bunch
- 29) Spinach – 1 bunch
- 30) Leafy and/or Stem Vegetables, Any Other Variety, please specify

ROOTS, BULBS AND TUBERS (PLATE DISPLAY)

- 31) Beets, Garden – 1 bunch of 4 or more
- 32) Onions, Any Variety, please specify
- 33) Radishes, Red – 2 bunches or 8 or more
- 34) Root, Bulb and/or Tuber, Any Other Variety, please specify

VINE CROPS (SINGLE ENTRY – PLATE DISPLAY)

- 35) Squash – 5 specimens
- 36) Vine Crop, Any Other Variety, please specify

ROOTED LETTUCE (SINGLE ENTRY – PLATE DISPLAY)

- 37) Lettuce, Butter – 2 heads
- 38) Lettuce, Iceberg – 2 heads
- 39) Lettuce, Green Leaf – 2 heads
- 40) Lettuce, Red Leaf – 2 heads
- 41) Lettuce, Romaine Red – 2 heads
- 42) Lettuce, Romaine – 2 heads
- 43) Lettuce, Sweet Gem – 2 heads
- 44) Rooted Lettuce, Any Other Variety – 2 heads

DIVISION 105 CARTON OR CRATE DISPLAY

(COMMERCIAL)

CLASS:

- 1) Artichokes – Cello Bags
- 2) Artichokes – Clamshell
- 3) Artichokes – Naked Pack 12/18
- 4) Artichokes, Baby – Cello or Tray Pack
- 5) Artichokes, Baby – 20 lbs. Loose
- 6) Artichokes, Any Other Variety, please specify
- 7) Anise/Sweet Fennel – 24s
- 8) Broccoli, Export
- 9) Broccoli – Standard Pack 14
- 10) Broccoli – Standard Pack 18
- 11) Broccoli, Domestic – Crown Cut 38

- 12) Broccoli, Florets – 20 lbs. Loose
- 13) Broccoli, Any Other Variety, please specify
- 14) Brussels Sprouts – 1 lb. bag
- 15) Brussels Sprouts – Std. Carton 25 lbs. or more
- 16) Bok Choy – 15 lbs. or more
- 17) Napa Cabbage – 15 lbs. or more
- 18) Cauliflower – Wrap 12
- 19) Cauliflower – Naked 12
- 20) Cauliflower, Orange/Green – Naked or Wrap 12
- 21) Cauliflower, Any Other Variety, please specify
- 22) Cilantro – 30 bunches
- 23) Celery – Sleeve 24
- 24) Celery – Sleeve 30 or 36
- 25) Celery, Hearts – Cello 12
- 26) Celery, Hearts – Cello 18
- 27) Celery, Hearts – Cello 30
- 28) Celery – Naked Pack 24
- 29) Celery – Naked 30 or 36
- 30) Celery, Any Other Variety, please specify
- 31) Endive/Escarole – Naked or Wrapped 24
- 32) Fava Beans – 28 lbs.
- 33) Kale, Any Variety – 12/24 bunches
- 34) Leeks – 12 bunches
- 35) Lettuce, Butter/Boston Green – Naked Liner 24
- 36) Lettuce, Butter/Boston Green – Clamshell 12
- 37) Lettuce, Butter/Boston Red – Naked Liner 24
- 38) Lettuce, Green Leaf – Bag/Sleeve 18/24
- 39) Lettuce, Green Leaf – Half Bikini Sleeve 24
- 40) Lettuce, Green Leaf – Naked 18/24
- 41) Lettuce, Green Leaf – Liner 24
- 42) Lettuce, Export – Wrap 12/15
- 43) Lettuce, Iceberg – Wrap 30
- 44) Lettuce, Iceberg – Wrap 12
- 45) Lettuce, Iceberg – Wrap 24
- 46) Lettuce, Iceberg – Liner 24
- 47) Lettuce, Iceberg – 6 Head Bag 24
- 48) Lettuce, Iceberg – Naked Carton 24
- 49) Lettuce, Iceberg – 6 Head Carton
- 50) Lettuce, Iceberg, Baby – Naked Liner 30+ count
- 51) Lettuce, Iceberg, Baby – Cello 2/bag
- 52) Lettuce, Sweet Gem – Liner 24
- 53) Lettuce, Red Leaf – Cello Bag/Sleeve 18/24
- 54) Lettuce, Red Leaf – Naked Liner 24
- 55) Lettuce, Romaine – Bag/Sleeve 24
- 56) Lettuce, Romaine – Pack 3/bag
- 57) Lettuce, Romaine – Pack 6/bag
- 58) Lettuce, Romaine – Naked Liner 24
- 59) Lettuce, Romaine – Wrap 18
- 60) Lettuce, Romaine Hearts – Pack 3/bag
- 61) Lettuce, Romaine Hearts – Pack 6/bag
- 62) Lettuce, Romaine Hearts – Naked Liner 48
- 63) Lettuce, Romaine Red – Bag/Sleeve 24
- 64) Lettuce, Romaine Red – Naked Liner 24
- 65) Lettuce, Romaine Green – Sleeve 24
- 66) Lettuce, Trim & Cuts – 4 x 6 pack
- 67) Lettuce, Any Other Variety, please specify
- 68) Mushrooms, Standard
- 69) Mushrooms, Any Other Variety, please specify
- 70) Onions, Green – Bunched 48
- 71) Onions, Green – Bag 5 oz. or more
- 72) Onions, Any Other Variety, please specify
- 73) Parsley, Flat Leaf – 30 bunches
- 74) Parsley, Curled Leaf – 30 bunches
- 75) Radishes, Red – Bunched 2

- 76) Rapini – Bunched 24
- 77) Spinach – Bunched 24
- 78) Tomatoes, Any Variety, please specify
- 79) Carton or Crate Display, Any Other Variety not listed, please specify

BERRIES & BEES

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS NON-COMMERCIAL DIVISIONS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

DIVISION 106 BERRIES (COMMERCIAL)

CLASS:

- 1) Blackberries – Flat 12 x 6oz. or 8oz.
- 2) Raspberries – Clamshell Flat 12 x 6oz. or 8oz.
- 3) Strawberries – Clamshell Flat 8 x 1 lb.
- 4) Strawberries – Clamshell Flat 4 x 2 lbs.
- 5) Strawberries – Clamshell Flat 2 x 4 lbs.
- 6) Strawberries – Flat 12 x 1 pint
- 7) Strawberries, long Stem – Clamshell
- 8) Berry, Any Other Variety, please specify

DIVISION 107 HONEY

Extracted Honey, Minimum Quantity: Two One Pound Standard Honey Jars

CLASS:

- 1) Honey, Any Variety, please specify
- 2) Comb & Cut Honey, Any Variety, please specify

DIVISION 108 BEESWAX

Beeswax Novelties Shall Not Be Eligible for Premium Awards.

CLASS:

- 1) Natural or Sun Bleached – 2 pounds

FLORICULTURE

ENTRY FORMS DUE

August 1, 2026

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

ENTRY FEES

Arrangements, Cut Flowers, and Potted Plants – \$2.00 per Item

Decorative Displays, Table Settings, & Mantels – \$5.00 per Item

EXHIBITS RECEIVED

Tuesday, September 1st, 2026, ~ 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Salinas Room (enter through Gate 2)

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The American system of judging will be applied in Divisions. American – The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second, etc.
2. Exhibits in the Floriculture Department must have been grown by the exhibitor within the county, district or community represented by the exhibitor, except in the Arrangements Division. Florists and nurseries may exhibit plants, plant material and flowers which they currently sell but do not necessarily grow.
3. Exhibits should be adequately and correctly labeled. Entries not labeled correctly may be disqualified.
4. This department is open to all exhibitors showing flowers and plants grown in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties, unless otherwise stated.
5. Exhibitors are required to keep their flowers in good condition for the duration of the Fair or forfeit their prizes. Flowers and gardens must be changed and/or watered as needed.
6. All materials and decorations must be made from a flame-proof material or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition.
7. **LIABILITY:** Every precaution will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of work; however, the Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Submission of entries implies acceptance of all conditions stated in Local and State Rules.
8. Awards will be presented to outstanding educational exhibits. These awards are designed to encourage excellence in design and superior horticulture. All exhibits entered in the Floriculture Department are eligible. All winners will be re-judged for this award.

SPECIAL RIBBONS

Best of Show – Arrangements

Best of Show – Cut Flowers

Best of Show – Potted Plants

Best of Show – Decorative Displays, Table Settings, & Mantels

SPECIAL AWARDS

Excellence In Floral Design – \$25.00

Excellence In Cut Flower – \$25.00

Excellence In Horticulture – \$25.00

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

ARRANGEMENTS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Arrangements must be completed by the Exhibitor at home. Minimal Fair workspace is available for last-minute details only. Exhibitors will be allowed to set their own completed arrangements in place in the exhibit area.
2. Owner's name on bottom of container is recommended.
3. Fresh Arrangements are not to exceed 10% of dry materials, unless otherwise stated.
4. The use of artificial flowers and materials will not be permitted unless specifically stated in Division or Class descriptions.
5. Small or valuable figurines and accessories should not be used in arrangements unless securely attached to base.
6. The attendants in charge will take every possible precaution but will not be responsible for loss or breakage. Natural plant materials may be dyed or sprayed.

DEFINITIONS AND RULES

Novice: One who has won 0 to 5 blue ribbons in flower arranging competition.

Intermediate: One who has won 6 to 10 blue ribbons in a flower arranging competition.

Advance: One who has won 11 to 30 blue ribbons in flower arranging competition.

Master: Arrangement Lecturers, Floral Arrangement Teachers, Arrangement Judges, or anyone who supplements their income in the field of Floral Arranging, or who has received 31 or more blue ribbons in flower arranging competition.

Classification Rules: An Exhibitor is classified as one, and only one, of the following: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Master or Commercial. An exhibitor may compete only in those classes listed in his/her classification plus Open Classes. For example, a Novice may be exhibited only in Novice Classes and Open Classes. Supervisors and Judges may reclassify entrants into correct classes.

Exhibitor Upgrade Rule: An Exhibitor may upgrade his/her classification even though he/she has not won the appropriate number of blue ribbons, but, once having exhibited in a higher class (excluding Open), the Exhibitor can never return to a lower classification. For example, a Novice who decides to reclassify as an Intermediate and exhibits in Intermediate Classes can never go back to being a Novice even though he still has the number of blue ribbons showing that he should be a Novice.

Flower Arrangement Rules: Flowers must be arranged in a single container unless otherwise specified. Arrangement designs may be enhanced by accessories. Accessories are considered anything in a design in addition to the plant material and container. Accessories may include a mat, small object, figurines, backdrop, and/or frame.

SCORECARD FOR ARRANGEMENTS

Originality and Conformance.....	30%
Harmony of Color, Texture and Container	30%
Design (Balance and Proportion).....	25%
Condition of Material	15%
TOTAL SCORE.....	100%

DIVISION 200 SILK/DRY ARRANGEMENTS, NOVICE

DIVISION 201 SILK/DRY ARRANGEMENTS, INTER.

DIVISION 202 SILK/DRY ARRANGEMENTS, ADV.

DIVISION 203 SILK/DRY ARRANGEMENTS, MASTER

CLASS:

- 1) Summer – Arrangers Interpretation
- 2) Wedding Bouquet
- 3) Memento Mori
- 4) Happiness – Arrangers Interpretation
- 5) Wintertime – Arrangers Interpretation
- 6) Fair Theme
- 7) Miniature – not to exceed 4' in any dimension, including base

DIVISION 204 FRESH ARRANGEMENTS, NOVICE

DIVISION 205 FRESH ARRANGEMENTS, INTER.

DIVISION 206 FRESH ARRANGEMENTS, ADV.

DIVISION 207 FRESH ARRANGEMENTS, MASTER

CLASS:

- 1) Famous Painting or Photograph
- 2) Harvest Festival
- 3) Monochromatic Hues
- 4) Fruits, Berries and Seedpods
- 5) 1960s Flower Power
- 6) Fair Theme
- 7) Say It with Flowers
- 8) Miniature – not to exceed 4' in any dimension, including base

CUT FLOWERS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Cut Flowers must be shown in containers furnished by the Floriculture Department.
2. Cut flower divisions are open to amateur and private growers.
 - **Amateur:** One who generally grows plants primarily for his/her own pleasure and who does not derive his/her livelihood therefrom.
 - **Private Grower:** A person who enjoys growing their own cut flowers and who may or may not offer them for sale.
3. **LIMIT: (4) entries per exhibitor per class.**
4. All roses must be disbudded, except when shown as sprays.
5. Annual and Perennial Blossoms cannot have buds. Submit number of stems or sprays as specified for each Class.
6. All cut flowers will be discarded at close of Fair except when prior arrangements have been made with the Floriculture department.

SCORE CARD FOR CUT FLOWERS

Condition - Flowers must be at their peak, fresh and turgid (no wilting). They should be clean, free of disease, insects and mechanical injury. No brown tips or torn petals.....20 %

Form - The shape and symmetry of the bloom. It should be characteristic of the variety.....20 %

Color - Color should be clear and bright.....15%

Stem and Foliage - Stem should be strong, straight, and in proportion to the flower; not weak, crooked or too short. Foliage should be present if typical for the species, clean, healthy, with no leaves below the water line.....20 %

Size - The flower should be at the maximum size attainable for the species under good cultivation.....15%

Uniformity - If the class requires multiple stems, they must be identical in size, color and maturity.....10%"

DIVISION 208 CUT FLOWERS - BEGONIAS - TUBER, HYBRIDS

CLASS:

- 1) Best One Bloom - Camellia or Rose Type, Smooth Petal Edge
- 2) Best One Bloom - Carnation or Ruffles Type, Ruffled Petal Edge
- 3) Best One Bloom - Picotte, Any Form
- 4) Any Other Form, such as Crispa Marginata, Narcissiflora, or Single Form

DIVISION 209 CUT FLOWERS - DAHLIAS

CLASS

- 1) Stellar, Orchid, Water lily or Anemone
- 2) Ball or Pompom
- 3) Cactus, Incurved or Straight
- 4) Cactus, Semi
- 5) Cactus, Decorative Informal
- 6) Collarette, Single (Daisy Form), Mignon
- 7) Decorative Formal

- 8) Largest (diameter and depth), any type
- 9) Miniature, Under 4" Cactus or Decorative

DIVISION 210 CUT FLOWERS - ROSES

CLASS

- 1) Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, any color
- 2) Floribunda
- 3) Miniature, any color
- 4) Climber, any color, one spray
- 5) Fully Open, any color, stamens must show

DIVISION 211 CUT FLOWERS - ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS

CLASS:

- 1) Agapanthus, Blue or White - 1 stem
- 2) Amaryllis, African/Dutch - 1 stem
- 3) Alstroemeria - 1 spray
- 4) Begonia, Tuberous - 1 bloom
- 5) Bougainvillea- (12" to 30" long) - 1 branch
- 6) Bachelor Buttons - 3 stems
- 7) Canna
- 8) Chrysanthemum (florist's Mum) disbudded - 3 stems
- 9) Chrysanthemum (small, cluster type) - 1 spray
- 10) Cosmos (single or double) - 3 stems
- 11) Dianthus (Sweet William) - 3 stems
- 12) Fuchsia (single or double) - 1 stem
- 13) Gladiola - 1 stem
- 14) Hollyhock (single or double) - 1 stem
- 15) Hydrangea, any color - 1 branch
- 16) Marigold, any variety - 3 stems
- 17) Money Plant (peeled or unpeeled) - 1 branch
- 18) Nasturtium, any variety, must have leaves & flowers - 1 vine
- 19) Pelargonium, any Geranium, must have leaves & flowers - 2 stems
- 20) Scabiosa, any variety - 3 stems
- 21) Sunflower, any variety - 1 stem
- 22) Sweet Peas - 3 stems
- 23) Zinnia, Dwarf - 3 stems
- 24) Zinnia, Giant - 1 stem
- 25) Any Annual not listed, same color - 2 stems
- 26) Any Perennial not listed, same color - 2 stems
- 27) Any Bulb, Corm, Tuber - 1 stem
- 28) Any Shrub or Vine not listed (12" to 30" long) - 1 branch
- 29) Grower's Bunch, any variety, any color - 12 to 20 stems

DIVISION 212 CUT HERBS

CLASS:

Any Herb, please specify

POTTED PLANTS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Plants must be in exhibitor's possession at least 90 days prior to showing at Monterey County Fair.
2. All plants must be free of pests and disease.
3. **Dish Garden:** Must include 3-5 plants spaced 12" or less, planted in one pot or individually.
4. **LIMIT: (4) entries per exhibitor per class**

SCORECARD FOR POTTED PLANTS

Cultural Perfection, Health & Vigor:..... 30 points
 Form/Shape/Symmetry..... 30 points
 Size/Maturity..... 15 points
 Flower Quantity/Color..... 15 points
 Container Suitability/Grooming..... 10 points

DIVISION 213 SAINT/PAULIA - AFRICAN VIOLET

CLASS:

- 1) Standard, Single or Semi-double Blossom, Single Crown
- 2) Standard, Double Blossoms, Single Crown
- 3) Gesneriad other than African Violet

DIVISION 214 POTTED PLANTS

CLASS:

- 1) Adiantum, all varieties (i.e., Five Fingered Fern)
- 2) Asplenium, all varieties (i.e., Bird Nest Fern)
- 3) Bromeliad, no bloom required, any type
- 4) Coleus
- 5) Croton
- 6) Dracaena
- 7) Fern, any
- 8) Ficus Benjamina
- 9) Philodendron
- 10) Pothos
- 11) Rubber Plant
- 12) Any Other Indoor Foliage Plant

DIVISION 215 POTTED SHADE PLANTS IN BLOOM

CLASS:

- 1) Begonia, Tuberous, Upright, any variety
- 2) Begonia, Tuberous, Trailing
- 3) Begonia, Cane or Shrublike
- 4) Begonia, Rhizomatous
- 5) Begonia, Rex
- 6) Any Other Shade Plant in Bloom

DIVISION 216 POTTED SUN PLANTS IN BLOOM

CLASS:

- 1) Canna, must have leaves and flowers
- 2) Pelargonium, must have leaves and flowers
- 3) Any Other Sun Plant in Bloom

DIVISION 217 CACTI

CLASS:

- 1) Alluaudia, Decargia, Bursera, Operculicaria, Pachycormus
- 2) Astrophytum - Bishop, Cap, Star or Sea Urchin
- 3) Bulbine, Bowiea, Albuca, Drimia
- 4) Calbanus, Beaucarnea, Haemanthus
- 5) Cephalocereus & Espostoa - Oreocereus - Hairy Cactus
- 6) Cereus & Ceroid types - Organ Pipe, Silvertip
- 7) Columnar Cactus - Borzicatus, Cleistocatus

- 8) Echinocactus, any variety
- 9) Epiphyllum - Orchid Cactus
- 10) Ferocactus
- 11) Mammillaria, any variety
- 12) Parodia Species - Golden Ball
- 13) Opuntia Species - Beaver Tail, Prickly Pear, Cholla
- 14) Pachypodium, Adenium (Desert Rose), Pterodiscus, Sesamothamnium
- 15) Rhipsalis Species - Rice Cactus
- 16) Senecio, Othonna, Dorstenia
- 17) Zygocactus, Schlumbergera Hybrids - Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter
- 18) Any Crested or Monstrose Cactus - Boxing Glove, Curiosity Plant
- 19) Novelty Container, any type of pottery or dish
- 20) Any Other Cactus not listed, please specify

DIVISION 218 SUCCULENTS

CLASS:

- 1) Aeonium
- 2) Agave or Aloe
- 3) Crassula
- 4) Echeveria
- 5) Euphorbia
- 6) Haworthia
- 7) Ficara
- 8) Frithia, Fenestraria - Baby Toes
- 9) Gasteria
- 10) Kalanchoe
- 11) Kleinia (Senecio) - Inchworm, String of Pearls,
- 12) Mesembryanthemum
- 13) Portulacaria
- 14) Sansevieria
- 15) Sempervivum
- 16) Sedum
- 17) Stapelia & Allies
- 18) Caudiciforms
- 19) Novelty Container, any type of pottery or dish
- 20) Any Crested or Monstrose Succulent
- 21) Any Other Succulent not listed, please specify

DIVISION 219 CACTI/ SUCCULENT COLLECTIONS

CLASS:

- 1) Dish Garden - Succulents (no cacti)
- 2) Dish Garden - Cacti (no succulents)
- 3) Dish Garden - Cacti & Succulents
- 4) Cacti only - Fair Theme
- 5) Succulents only - Fair Theme
- 6) Succulents - In Bloom
- 7) Succulents - Tropical Paradise
- 8) Cacti - Beauty of the Desert

DIVISION 220 BONSAI

CLASS:

- 1) Any Bonsai

DIVISION 221 TOPIARIES

CLASS:

- 1) Any Topiary

DIVISION 222 NATIVE PLANTS OF MONTEREY CO.

CLASS:

- 1) Ceanothus, any species
- 2) Salvia, any species

- 3) Arctostaphylos, any species
- 4) Erigeron, any species
- 5) Mimulus, any species
- 6) Any Other

DIVISION 223 ORCHID

CLASS:

- 1) Doritis Species and Hybrids
- 2) Dendrobium
- 3) Masdevallia
- 4) Any Other

DIVISION 224 SUCCULENT DECORATED PUMPKINS

CLASS:

- 1) Any Pumpkin with Living Succulents
- 2) Any Pumpkin with Artificial Greenery
- 3) Any Pumpkin with Halloween Decoration

DECORATIVE DISPLAYS, TABLE SETTINGS, & MANTELS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, BUSINESSES, CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND FAMILIES.
2. Exhibitors must provide all materials for their entry. Exhibitors will be allowed to set their completed display in place.
3. Owner's name on materials is recommended.
4. **Table Settings:** Fresh or dry flowers must be used in all arrangements. Arranged by exhibitor only. Arrangement must be suitable for center of a dining table. Exhibitor may use glassware, China, etc. or paper and plastic. **Bring your own card table. One exhibitor per card table. One place setting only.** Silverware is at your own discretion. The fair is not responsible for lost items, though every effort will be made to safeguard entries by volunteers.
5. Table Settings must include a Menu Card. The elements of the table setting need to reflect the menu.
6. **Mantels:** The Floriculture Department will provide mantels to be decorated. Limit: first eight entries.
7. The use of artificial flowers and materials will be permitted to supplement fresh and dried material in Divisions 228, 229 and 230.
8. Small or valuable figurines and accessories should not be used in arrangements unless securely attached to base.
9. Natural plant materials may be dyed or sprayed.
10. Attendants in charge of overseeing displays will take every possible precaution but will not be responsible for loss or breakage.
11. Floral Costume Design: Please submit either an artist's color sketch and/or garment utilizing artificial flowers.

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS DECORATIVE DIVISIONS		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00

DIVISION 225 DIY GARDENS

CLASS:

- 1) Old Farm Equipment
- 2) Old Furniture
- 3) Luggage
- 4) Children Toys
- 5) Kitchen Ware
- 6) Any Other Found Container

DIVISION 226 DIY FAIRY GARDENS

CLASS:

- 1) Fairy Gardens in a Pumpkin
- 2) Fairy Gardens in a Suitcase
- 3) Fairy Garden Birdhouse
- 4) Fairy Garden Treehouse
- 5) Any Other Fairy Garden

DIVISION 227 WREATHS

CLASS:

- 1) Living
- 2) Dry
- 3) Artificial
- 4) Fair Theme

DIVISION 228 SCARECROWS

CLASS:

- 1) Harvest Queen or King
- 2) Fair Theme
- 3) Fairies
- 4) Scary Monsters

DIVISION 229 TABLE SETTINGS

CLASS:

- 1) Children's Story
- 2) Dinner Themed for a Famous Person
- 3) Fair Theme
- 4) Holiday Theme, please specify
- 5) Spooky Stories
- 6) Chagall
- 7) Bohemian Artists of Big Sur
- 8) White Wedding
- 9) Last Meal

DIVISION 230 DECORATED MANTELS

CLASS:

- 1) Grandpa's House
- 2) Haunted House
- 3) In Memoriam
- 4) The Ancient World
- 5) Mid-Century Modern
- 6) Fair Theme
- 7) Holiday (Please Specify)

DIVISION 231 FLORAL COSTUME DESIGN

CLASS:

- 1) United We Stand – America's 250th Birthday
- 2) America's Songbook
- 3) The Realm of the Fairies

ADULT HOME ARTS

ENTRY FORMS DUE

August 1, 2026

LATE ENTRY FEE – Due August 8 – \$10.00 per entry

ENTRY FEES

Adult Home Arts – \$2.00 per Item

Special Friends – No Fee

Thank A Veteran – No Fee

EXHIBITS RECEIVED

ALL NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026, ~ 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Monterey Room

PERISHABLE ITEMS

Sunday, August 30th, 2026, ~ 11:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Monterey Room (enter through Gate 4)

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Adult Home Arts is an extended division; it is open to all residents in all counties of the State of California.
2. Only items listed in this Entry Guidebook will be accepted.
3. Limit 2 Items per class.
4. Exhibitor's name must not appear on front of exhibit.
5. Entries are limited to amateurs unless otherwise noted. **Amateur:** A person attached to a pursuit, study, or hobby in a nonprofessional or unpaid manner. \$1,000.00 per year in sales is allowed.
6. Items entered in "Any Other" classes must be described in online entry and fall in the Division category (e.g., Cheese in Any Other Biscuits). If three or more "Any Other" items are similar enough, they will be judged as a separate class.
7. All perishable entries must be home prepared from scratch. Any exceptions will be noted in appropriate Divisions. Preserved foods may not be made more than one year in advance. REFRIGERATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.
8. Non-perishable items must be the personal work of the exhibitor and may NOT have been previously entered in the Monterey County Fair.
9. ITEMS NOT CLAIMED BY SEPT. 13, 2026, WILL BE FORFEITED UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE IN ADVANCE.
10. **JUDGING:** The Fair will pay cash awards only to those classes specified in this Entry Guidebook and only judging sheets will be the basis for any cash award payments. Ribbons and exhibitor tags have no value as to payment.
11. The American system of judging will be applied in Adult Home Arts Divisions.
12. Judges' decisions are final and anonymous.
13. Sweepstakes Scoring will be as follows: 1st Place = 5 points, 2nd Place = 3 points, 3rd Place = 1 point.

Sweepstakes shall be awarded only when three separate exhibitors have achieved a combined total of at least 30 points. To receive Sweepstakes awards, an exhibitor must have a minimum of 10 points. In the event of a tie, the exhibitor with the greater number of Best of Shows will prevail. If that results in a tie, the Sweepstakes premium will be split among those exhibitors.

14. **LIABILITY:** Every precaution will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of work; however, the Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Submission of entries implies acceptance of all conditions stated in the rules (Local and State).

SPECIAL RIBBONS

Best of Show – Rosette per Department

SWEEPSTAKES PER DEPARTMENT

1st Place \$30.00

2nd Place \$20.00

3rd Place \$10.00

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

BAKED GOODS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All baked goods must be made from scratch. No boxed or packaged mixes are allowed.
2. Baked Goods become the property of the Fair, except Decorated Cakes. Decorated Cakes will be released at the time specified at the beginning of this Department.
3. Baked Goods must be submitted on disposable plates or pans and well wrapped. THE FAIR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RETURN OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS. Special plates or trays do not affect the scoring.
4. **The Fair will not provide refrigeration.**
5. **Quantities:**
 - Biscuits, Cupcakes, Muffins, Rolls – 6, large or small, in uniform size and shape
 - Bread – 1/2 loaf
 - Cakes – 1/2 cake
 - Confections – 1/2 pound
 - Cookies, Brownies, or Bar Cookies – 6 cookies, in uniform size and shape
 - Pies – 2 mini pies or 1/4 8" or 9" pie
 - Pastries – 6 pastries

BREADS

DIVISION 300 QUICK BREADS

CLASS:

- 1) Banana or Banana nut
- 2) Fruit or Citrus, please specify
- 3) Pumpkin
- 4) Zucchini
- 5) Any Other, please specify

DIVISION 301 MUFFINS

CLASS:

- 6) Banana or Banana nut
- 7) Fruit or Citrus, please specify
- 8) Pumpkin
- 9) Zucchini
- 10) Any Other, please specify

DIVISION 302 BISCUITS

CLASS:

- 1) Plain or Buttermilk
- 2) Scones
- 3) Any Other, please specify

DIVISION 303 YEAST BREADS

CLASS:

- 1) French
- 2) Rye
- 3) Sourdough

DIVISION 304 YEAST ROLLS

CLASS:

- 1) Cinnamon
- 2) Dinner
- 3) Sourdough
- 4) Any Other, please specify

CAKES & CUPCAKES

DIVISION 305 LAYER CAKES (2 OR MORE LAYERS)

DIVISION 306 LOAF, POUND, OR OTHER CAKE

DIVISION 307 CUPCAKES

CLASS:

- 1) Banana
- 2) Carrot
- 3) Chocolate
- 4) Coffee Cake
- 5) Lemon or Citrus
- 6) Any Other, please specify.

DIVISION 308 DECORATED CAKES

- Base may be real cake, cardboard, or Styrofoam, if the shape is such that could be reasonably achieved by baking.
- All decoration must be edible, except card, candle holders, figures, dividers, and stands.

CLASS:

- 1) Special Occasion Layer Cake (8, 9, or 10")
- 2) Fair Theme
- 3) Any Other, please specify.

CONFECTIONS

DIVISION 309 CONFECTIONS

CLASS:

- 1) Candied Nuts
- 2) Caramels
- 3) Fudge, Chocolate
- 4) Fudge, all other
- 5) Toffee
- 6) Any Other, please specify

COOKIES

DIVISION 310 COOKIES

CLASS:

- 1) Bar, please specify type
- 2) Biscotti
- 3) Brownies
- 4) Chocolate Chip
- 5) Chocolate Drop
- 6) including base
- 7) Decorated Cookies
- 8) Ginger
- 9) Lemon Bar
- 10) Oatmeal
- 11) Peanut Butter
- 12) Snickerdoodles
- 13) Sugar
- 14) Thumbprint
- 15) Any Other, please specify

PIES & PASTRY

DIVISION 311 PIES

CLASS:

- 1) Apple
- 2) Berry
- 3) Any Other, Two Crust or Lattice Top, please specify

- 4) Pecan or Walnut
- 5) Pumpkin
- 6) Any Other, please specify
- 7) Any Meringue Pie, please specify
- 8) Any Crumb Top Pie, please specify
- 9) Pastry

PRESERVED FOODS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries in these Divisions must be home prepared and canned or packaged by the exhibitor within one year of the opening date of the Fair. Items which have been shown at any previous Fairs are not eligible. All products being considered for cash awards which have not otherwise been eliminated from consideration will be opened.
2. STANDARD JAR: A container specifically or specially designed for home canning purposes. No paraffin seals. All canning must be in sealed jars.
3. Low-acid fruits, such as figs, should be made more acidic by adding lemon juice as directed in the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning.
4. Tomatoes and fruits, not including their juices must be processed in a boiling water bath.
5. EXHIBITS MUST BE PROPERLY LABELED with date of canning and method used.
6. Use clear glass containers, wide or narrow mouth jars.
One standard canning jar per entry, any size.
FOUR-OUNCE JARS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

DIVISION 312 CANNED FRUITS & JUICES

CLASS:

- 1) Any Canned Fruit or Juice, please specify

DIVISION 313 CANNED VEGETABLES

CLASS:

- 1) Any Canned Vegetable, please specify

PICKLED ITEMS

DIVISION 314 PICKLES AND RELISHES

CLASS:

- 1) Chutney
- 2) Cucumber Pickles, Dill or Sweet, please specify
- 3) Any Relish, please specify
- 4) All Other Pickled Vegetable, please specify
- 5) Any Pickled Fruit, please specify

CONDIMENTS & SAUCES

DIVISION 315 SAUCES, TOPPINGS, VINEGAR, &

SALAD DRESSING

CLASS:

- 1) Barbecue Sauce
- 2) Herb/Garlic Vinegar
- 3) Mustard
- 4) Salad Dressing – Not Refrigerated
- 5) Dessert Toppings or Filling
- 6) Syrup
- 7) Any Other Condiment or Sauce, please specify

JAMS, JELLIES, & PRESERVES

DIVISION 316 JAMS

CLASS:

- 1) Apricot
- 2) Blackberry
- 3) Blueberry
- 4) Raspberry
- 5) Strawberry
- 6) Olallieberry
- 7) Peach
- 8) Plum
- 9) Any Two-Fruit Combinations
- 10) Any Other not listed, please specify

DIVISION 317 JELLIES

CLASS:

- 1) Blackberry
- 2) Grape
- 3) Pomegranate
- 4) Raspberry
- 5) Pepper
- 6) Plum
- 7) Any Two-Fruit Combination
- 8) Any Other not listed, please specify

DIVISION 318 BUTTERS, MARMALADES

PRESERVES, & CONSERVES

CLASS:

- 1) All Fruit Butters
- 2) All Citrus Marmalades
- 3) All Fruit Preserves
- 4) All Conserve
- 5) Any Other not listed, please specify

DRIED FOODS

DIVISION 319 DRIED FOODS

CLASS:

- 1) Dried Fruit or Fruit Leather

- 2) Beef Jerky
- 3) Dried Herbs
- 4) Any Other not listed, please specify

ARTS & CRAFTS, JEWELRY, AND TOYS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries in these Divisions must be homemade. Collectibles will not be accepted.
2. Items crafted from wood must be entered in Visual Arts, Woodworking.

ARTS & CRAFTS

DIVISION 320 CRAFTS & DECORATIVE ARTS

CLASS:

- 1) Candle Making
- 2) Ceramics (hand-formed)
- 3) Glass Craft or Glass Fusion, please specify
- 4) Leather Craft
- 5) Metal Art – Indoor or Outdoor Décor, please specify
- 6) Mosaics
- 7) Paper Art (ie., Origami, Quilling, Papier-mâché)
- 8) Soap Making (must submit 2 pieces)
- 9) All That Glitters
- 10) Any Other, please specify

DIVISION 321 PLASTIC CANVAS

CLASS:

- 1) 3D Printer
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Any Other, please specify

JEWELRY

DIVISION 322 JEWELRY MAKING

CLASS:

- 1) Bead Work – Necklace, Bracelet, or Earrings
- 2) Beads – Ceramic or Clay
- 3) Pendant – Gems, Stone, or Metal, please specify
- 4) Pendant – Ceramic or Clay
- 5) Ring – Complete
- 6) Ring – Setting Only
- 7) Set of Two
- 8) Set of Three
- 9) Any Other Jewelry not listed, please specify

TOYS AND DOLLS

DIVISION 323 DOLLS

CLASS:

- 1) Any Handmade (including clothing)
- 2) Ceramic (not purchased)
- 3) Original Design
- 4) Any Other Crafted Doll not listed, please specify

DIVISION 324 TOYS

CLASS:

- 1) Animal, Any Handmade
- 2) Non-Animal, Any Handmade
- 3) Original Design
- 4) Any Other Toy not listed, please specify

HOME FURNISHINGS & DECORATIONS

DIVISION 325 HOME FURNISHINGS AND ACCESSORIES

CLASS:

- 1) Rug – Any Method
- 2) Decorated Mirror
- 3) Lamp/Lighting
- 4) Re-purposed Item
- 5) Upholstered Item
- 6) Decoupage Item
- 7) Decorated Picture Frame, other than painted
- 8) Garden/Outdoor Item, other than metal work
- 9) Wall Hanging
- 10) Any Other Home Furnishing or Accessory, other than metal work or woodwork, please describe

DIVISION 326 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

CLASS:

- 1) Spring Decoration: Valentine's, St. Patrick's, Easter
- 2) Fall Decoration: Halloween, Thanksgiving

- 3) Winter Decoration: Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza
- 4) Christmas Stocking, any method
- 5) Holiday Ornament, please specify
- 6) Patriotic Decoration
- 7) Wearable Holiday Item
- 8) Any Other, please specify

HOOK & NEEDLE CRAFTS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All Department Rules and Regulations under the Home Arts Department section apply to these Divisions along with the following rules.
2. The exhibit must be clean and pressed.
3. The exhibitor's name must NOT be on the article.
4. Any wall hanging or pictures must be ready for hanging.
5. **Hand Knitted Items:** Please attach a card to the item with description of the item, pattern, yarn information, and any other information that could be helpful to the Judge.
6. Novice Classes are for anyone with less than two years of experience in that medium.

CROCHET

DIVISION 327 CROCHET

CLASS:

WEARING APPAREL

- 1) Infant
- 2) Hat
- 3) Scarf
- 4) Any Crocheted Wearing Apparel

AFGHANS

- 5) Afghan - Crib or Lap Size
- 6) Afghan - Bed size, specify
- 7) Afghan - Original Design

CROCHETED ACCESSORIES - NON-WEARABLE ITEM

- 8) Potholder or Doily, please specify
- 9) Embellished Item (ex. pillowcase edge or any other edged item)
- 10) 3-D Design or Toy
- 11) Any Other, please specify
- 12) Novice Crochet

KNITTING

Knitters' Awards

Best of Show - \$25.00

Sponsored by: Monarch Knitting

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR FEATURE CLASS

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
\$15	\$9	\$6	\$3	\$3	\$3

2026 FEATURE CLASS:

CLASS 3: BAGS

DIVISION 328 HAND KNITTED ITEMS

CLASS:

- 1) Afghan or Blanket
- 2) Baby Item, describe
- 3) Bag
- 4) Hand Coverings
- 5) Hat
- 6) Scarf or Cowl (around the neck)
- 7) Shawl or poncho (around the shoulders)
- 8) Socks or Slippers

- 9) Sweater, Any Size, Design, or Pattern
- 10) Vest
- 11) Toy
- 12) Any Accessory (head band, eye glass case, leg warmers, etc.), please specify
- 13) **Any Home Item (pillows, place mats, etc.), please specify**
- 14) Any Machine Knit Item
- 15) Novice Knitter
- 16) Any Other Item not listed, Describe

NEEDLEPOINT & STITCHING

DIVISION 329 CREWEL

DIVISION 330 CROSS STITCH

DIVISION 331 SURFACE EMBROIDERY

CLASS:

- 1) Framed, any size
- 2) Home Decor (pillow, wall hanging, bell pull, etc.)
- 3) Holiday, any style (Patriotic or Seasonal)
- 4) Hardanger, Pulled Thread, Drawn Thread
- 5) Blackwork, Sashiko
- 6) Stumpwork, Brazilian, Crewel, Samplers
- 7) Schwalm, Ukrainian, Mount Mellick
- 8) Other, Please Identify Technique
- 9) Novice

TATTING

DIVISION 332 SHUTTLE TATTING

CLASS:

- 1) Jewelry, please specify
- 2) Edging/Embellishment
- 3) Doily
- 4) Ornament or Snowflake
- 5) Novice Tatting
- 6) Any Other, please specify

WEAVING AND SPINNING

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Items entered in Weaving may be made from any material with one exception, entries of 51% wool or mammalian fiber and handspun must be entered in the Wool Department. Handwoven items made from commercial yarn are to be entered in Adult Home Arts, Weaving. Any item not entered correctly may be transferred to the proper department by the Judge.
2. The Weaving & Spinning Entry form must be attached to each item when submitted for judging.
3. **Creative Collaboration:** Open to teams of two. One person spins or weaves the yarn/cloth, and another person makes the finished item. List both team members on entry form.
4. **Blend:** Materials where 51% or more of yarn is made from non-mammalian fibers

SPECIAL AWARD

Special Spinning & Weaving Award – \$25.00

Sponsored by: Carmel Crafts Guild

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR FEATURE CLASS					
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
\$15	\$9	\$6	\$3	\$3	\$3

2026 FEATURE CLASS: CLASS 2: WOVEN GARMENT

DIVISION 333 WEAVING

CLASS:

- 1) Scarf or Shawl (around the neck)
- 2) Woven Garment
- 3) Household Item (table linens, towels, pillows)
- 4) Rug or Saddle Blanket
- 5) Creative Collaboration
- 6) Novice Weaver
- 7) Rigid Heddle
- 8) Woven Band, Strap, or Belt
- 9) Any Other, please specify

DIVISION 334 BASKET WEAVING

CLASS:

- 1) Twining
- 2) Plating
- 3) Wicker
- 4) Coiling
- 5) Any Other, please specify

DIVISION 335 SPINNING

CLASS:

- 1) Yarn Made from Plants (i.e., cotton, linen)
- 2) Silk, Synthetic, or Yarn Blend, please specify
- 3) Creative Collaboration
- 4) Novice Spinner

MONTEREY COUNTY FAIR WEAVING & SPINNING ENTRY FORM

Submit this form with a Weaving or Spinning entry. Attach samples as necessary.

Divisions (circle one) **333** **334** **335**

Class: _____

Exhibitor Age (if Minor): _____

Type of Loom/Equipment: _____

Weave Structure: _____

Fiber Weight/Content/Source:

Weft _____

Warp _____

Intended Use: _____

Additional Information: _____

QUILTING AND SEWING

QUILTING

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries are limited to amateurs. **AMATEUR:** One who engages in an art or craft as a hobby or for love of the work, and whose income from sales is less than \$1,000 per year.
2. All work must be done by exhibitor ONLY, excluding machine quilting.
3. Quilt MUST be in good condition, free of loose threads, clean, free from pet hair, dirt, and smoke or other odors, or it will NOT be judged.
4. Quilts must NOT have been entered in a prior Monterey County Fair.
5. Quilts entered in the wrong Division may be eliminated from judging at the discretion of the Judge or Quilt Show Committee. Review the Definitions of Terms.
6. **NO CLASS ENTRY LIMIT:** Entries must have different characteristics if entered in the same class.
7. Quilts must have a 4" deep sleeve for hanging. Sleeving should be on the upper back and may be permanent or temporary. For presentation, quilts larger than 60" wide require a split sleeve.
8. All quilts must have the length, width listed on the entry form. **Fold quilts so the bottom right corner is on top with the quilt length, width pinned to that corner.**
9. Except for Division 336 Hand-Quilted, quilts may be machine or longarm/midarm machine quilted.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

Quilt: A quilt consists of three layers – a fabric top, a soft inner layer, and a fabric back. Layers are held together with patterned hand stitches or machine stitching that pierces all three layers.

Pieced: Piecing is the only technique used.

Appliquéd: Appliquéd is added to a large piece of fabric or a pieced face and predominates other techniques.

Pieced & Appliquéd: Both piecing and applique are present, but piecing predominates.

SPECIAL QUILTING AWARDS

Judges' Choice – \$25.00

Best of Show Overall – \$50.00

Best of Show Sponsored by:

The Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild

DIVISION 336 HAND-QUILTED QUILTS

DIVISION 337 PIECED QUILTS

DIVISION 338 APPLIQUÉD QUILTS

DIVISION 339 PIECED AND APPLIQUÉD QUILTS

DIVISION 340 ART AND SPECIALTY QUILTS

CLASSES: FOR DIVISIONS 336-340

BEGINNER QUILTERS

(HAS COMPLETED THREE OR FEWER QUILTS)

- 1) Large: 5100 sq. inches and up (full, queen, king)

- 2) Medium: 2916 to 5099 sq. inches (throw, twin)
- 3) Small: 401 to 2915 sq. inches (lap, baby/crib, wall hanging)
- 4) Miniature Quilt: 400 sq. in or less

OPEN QUILTERS

(HAS COMPLETED FOUR OR MORE QUILTS)

- 5) Large: 5100 sq. inches and up (full, queen, king)
- 6) Medium: 2916 to 5099 sq. inches (throw, twin)
- 7) Small: 401 to 2915 sq. inches (lap, baby/crib, wall hanging)
- 8) Miniature Quilt: 400 sq. in or less

SEWING

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries must be the handiwork of the exhibitor.
2. Sewn items must NOT have been entered in a prior Monterey County Fair.
3. Any sewn item that requires a hanger for display must be submitted with such a hanger.
4. All items must be clean and pressed.

DIVISION 341 SEWING

CLASS:

- 1) Blouse or Shirt
- 2) Jacket or Coat, Lined
- 3) Skirt – Long or Short
- 4) Pants – Men's or Women's
- 5) Dress
- 6) Two- or Three-Piece Outfit
- 7) Apron
- 8) Accessory: Bag, Purse, Backpack, Wallet, please specify
- 9) Any Other, please specify

SCRAPBOOKING AND CARD MAKING

DIVISION 342 SCRAPBOOKING

CLASS:

SINGLE- OR DOUBLE-PAGE LAYOUT

- 1) Celebration (i.e., Baby, Birthday, Wedding)
- 2) Holiday
- 3) Sport
- 4) Vacation or Travel
- 5) Any Other, please specify

ENTIRE SCRAPBOOK

- 6) Journal
- 7) Any, please specify

DIVISION 343 CARD MAKING

CLASS:

- 1) Baby (Announcement or Shower)
- 2) Birthday
- 3) Congratulations or Celebration
- 4) Father's Day or Mother's Day
- 5) Get Well
- 6) Holiday: Christmas
- 7) Holiday: Easter
- 8) Holiday: Valentine's Day
- 9) Holiday: Any Other
- 10) Sympathy
- 11) Thank You
- 12) Any Other Occasion, please specify

SPECIAL FRIENDS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. These divisions are limited to handicapped or Special Education residents of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties.
2. Entry form should include individual exhibitor's name along with school or program name and be signed by a program administrator or representative.
3. For group or class projects, please list the number of participants on the entry form.
4. All items intended for hanging must be framed or matted and have appropriate hooks.

DIVISION 344 ADULT INDIVIDUAL PROJECT

DIVISION 345 GROUP OR CLASS PROJECT

No Entry Fee, No Cash Awards

CLASS:

- 1) Arts and Crafts
- 2) Collage
- 3) Craft or 3-D Art, please specify
- 4) Fine Arts: Drawings or Paintings (matted or framed)
- 5) Fiber Arts, Clothing or Textile Item, please specify
- 6) Wood or Metal Projects
- 7) Photography Project, please specify
- 8) Any Other, please specify

THANK A VETERAN -CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY!

Our Veterans have given so much to us, this is our opportunity to give back!

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Items entered here will become property of the Monterey County Fair in a collaborative effort to bring comfort and say Thank You to the many Veterans that serve our country. Special ribbons will be given to all entrants.

DIVISION 2222 THANK A VETERAN!

No Entry Fee, No Cash Awards

CLASS:

- 1) Afghan or Lap Quilt 48" x 48" or 48" x 72"
- 2) Afghan or Quilt, any size
- 3) Greeting Card (handmade)
- 4) Crocheted or Knitted Hat or Scarf
- 5) Any Other, please specify

JUNIOR HOME ARTS

ENTRY FORMS DUE

August 1, 2026

LATE ENTRY FEE – Due August 8 – \$10.00

EXHIBITS RECEIVED

ALL NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026, ~ 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monterey Room (enter through Gate 4)

PERISHABLE ITEMS

Sunday, August 30th, 2026, ~ 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monterey Room (enter through Gate 4)

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** OPEN TO JUNIOR RESIDENTS in all counties of the State of California, Pre-school through High School (except when specifically noted).
NOTE: Exhibitors aged 14-18 years entered in the Visual Arts Department for Two-Dimensional, Three-Dimensional, or Photography, cannot enter like classes in Junior Home Arts.
2. **ELIGIBILITY LIMIT:** EXHIBITORS who are ENROLLED in ANY JUNIOR ORGANIZATION for which Divisions and Classes are offered elsewhere are NOT eligible to enter items in this Department that are in any way eligible as their junior organization projects.
3. **EXHIBITOR'S AGE AND BIRTH DATE MUST BE STATED ON ENTRY FORM.**
4. Ages for Divisions are as follows:
 - Pre-School to 5 Years Tot
 - Age 6-9 Years Child
 - Age 10-13 Years Youth
 - Age 14 thru High School Junior
5. Independent and Grange Livestock Exhibitors at this Fair must enter at least one (1) project for exhibit in this Department in this year's Fair. See Junior Livestock Department Rules, Entry Information, Rule 4.
6. Each entry in these Divisions/Classes shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor. The signature of the parent or guardian on entry forms is required.
7. **LIABILITY:** Every precaution will be taken in handling and exhibiting work; however, the Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Entry submission implies acceptance of all conditions in Departmental, Local, and State rules.
8. **GROUP ENTRIES:** List number of students on online entry for a Group or Class Project
9. **LIMIT: ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR IN TABLE SETTINGS.** Maximum four (4) entries accepted for display.

10. The Danish System of Judging will be used for all Divisions in this Department. Danish Judging is based on established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system, each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets the standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits. In all Junior Departments using Danish Judging, the following guidelines shall be used by Judges:

Quality	Score	Ribbon
1 st Group	92%-100 Superior	Blue
2 nd Group	84%-91% Good	Red
3 rd Group	70%-83% Average/Acceptable	White

11. All groups that enter as individual names must provide a list of exhibitors to the Superintendent at time of receiving.
12. Youth divisions have no entry fees and no cash awards.

JUST FOR TOTS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The youngest members of our community, pre-school to 5 years old participate in this Department.
2. Entries should be made by the young child under supervision by an adult.
3. For detailed rules, refer to the Departmental Rules and Regulations described in the appropriate Junior Home Arts Divisions.
4. No competitive judging. Participation ribbons may be presented.

DIVISION 400 TOT ENTRIES

CLASS:

- 1) Baking & Confections
- 2) Fine Arts (Painting and Drawing)
- 3) Crafts & 3-D Art
- 4) All That Glitters
- 5) Photography
- 6) Tot Group Project
- 7) Any Other Project, please specify

BAKING & CONFECTIONS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All items must be made from scratch, no boxed or packaged mixes allowed.
2. Entry Form MUST LIST TYPE OF FOOD.
3. Foods that need refrigeration may not be entered.
4. All baked goods and confections must be submitted on/in disposable plates or pans and well wrapped. THE FAIR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RETURN OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS. Special plates or presentation trays do not affect the scoring.
5. **Quantities:**
 - Bread – 1/2 loaf
 - Cakes – 1/2 cake
 - Confections and Candy – 6 pieces or 1/2 pound
 - Cookies – 6 cookies
 - Cupcakes – 6 large or small
 - Trail Mix – filled 1/2 pint glass jar plus 1/4 cup in a zippered snack bag for judging.

DIVISION 401 CHILD BAKING

DIVISION 402 YOUTH BAKING

DIVISION 403 JUNIOR BAKING

CLASS:

- 1) Bread, please specify type
- 2) Cake, please specify type
- 3) Confections or Candy, please specify type
- 4) Cookies, please specify type
- 5) Cupcakes, please specify type

PRESERVED FOODS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries in these divisions must be home prepared and canned or packaged by the exhibitor within one year of the opening date of the Fair. Items which have been shown at any previous Fairs are not eligible.
2. **STANDARD JAR:** a container specifically or specially designed for home canning purposes. No paraffin seals. All canning must be in sealed jars.
3. Low-acid fruits, such as figs, should be made more acidic by adding lemon juice as directed in the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning.
4. Tomatoes and fruits (not including their juices) must be processed in a boiling water bath.
5. **EXHIBITS MUST BE PROPERLY LABELED** with dates of canning and method used.
6. Use clear glass containers, wide or narrow mouth jars.
One standard canning jar per entry, any size. FOUR-OUNCE JARS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

DIVISION 404 CHILD FOOD PRESERVATION

DIVISION 405 YOUTH FOOD PRESERVATION

DIVISION 406 JUNIOR FOOD PRESERVATION

CLASS:

- 1) Dried Food, please specify
- 2) Fruit, please specify
- 3) Jelly, Jam or Preserves, please specify
- 4) Pickles or Relish, please specify
- 5) Vegetable, please specify

TABLE SETTINGS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **LIMIT:** One entry per exhibitor. Maximum four (4) accepted for entry.
2. Bring your own (sturdy) standard-sized card table. One setting per table. One table per exhibitor. Put your name and phone number on the table underside. No utensils of any type.
3. Each entrant shall use an 8"x11" card folded in half OR a 5"x7" picture frame for menu list.
4. The centerpiece with the setting must be of non-perishable materials (no fresh flowers or fruit).
5. Table to be set up by the EXHIBITOR ONLY!

DIVISION 407 CHILD TABLE SETTING

DIVISION 408 YOUTH TABLE SETTING

DIVISION 409 JUNIOR TABLE SETTING

CLASS:

- 1) Birthday Party
- 2) Favorite Holiday
- 3) Fair Theme

ART, PAINTINGS, AND DRAWINGS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Art, Paintings, and Drawings must be on canvas, matted or framed. Framed work must be securely wired for hanging.
2. Matting material **MUST** be mounting board, foam core, or extra heavy cardstock. Artwork may be displayed using push pins or tape applied to matting material.
3. Each entry must be adequately labeled on the back with artist's name, Division and Class.

DIVISION 410 CHILD FINE ART

DIVISION 411 YOUTH FINE ART

DIVISION 412 JUNIOR FINE ART

CLASS:

- 1) Crayon Drawing
- 2) Collage or Mixed Media
- 3) Digital Art
- 4) Ink or Pencil Drawing
- 5) Oil or Acrylic Painting
- 6) Watercolor
- 7) Any Other not listed, please specify

CRAFTS & 3-D ARTS

DIVISION 413 CHILD CRAFTS & 3-D

DIVISION 414 YOUTH CRAFTS & 3-D

DIVISION 415 JUNIOR CRAFTS & 3-D

CLASS:

- 1) All That Glitters
- 2) Ceramic
- 3) Holiday Decoration, please specify
- 4) Jewelry/Bead Work
- 5) Wood Craft
- 6) Sculpture – Wood, Metal, Papier-mâché
- 7) Any Other not listed, please specify

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

DIVISION 416 CHILD TEXTILES

DIVISION 417 YOUTH TEXTILES

DIVISION 418 JUNIOR TEXTILES

CLASS:

- 1) Single Wearable Item, please specify
- 2) Two-piece or Coordinated Ensemble, please specify
- 3) Crochet or Knitted Item, please specify
- 4) Needle Craft, please specify
- 5) Toy, Any Material, please specify
- 6) Any Other not listed, please specify

PHOTOGRAPHY

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Refer to Junior Home Arts Department Rules 1 and 2 for eligibility.
2. Prints cannot be in more than one class.
3. Black & White or Color Prints. All prints must be unframed and correctly mounted on double weight photographic mount board or foam core. Mount 8"x10" photos on 10"x12" or 11"x14" matboard.
4. **LIMIT:** Two entries per class per exhibitor.

DIVISION 419 CHILD PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 420 YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 421 JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASS:

- 1) Black & White, any subject
- 2) Color, any subject
- 3) Mobilography and Selfie, any subject taken on a mobile phone or tablet device
- 4) Animal

MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries must be labeled, but the artist's name must not be visible to the judges.
2. The Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause.
3. All entries must be portable enough to be moved without mechanical or artist's assistance.
4. Flying or hanging work should not be of excessive weight and must include a hanging mechanism.
5. Fragile, free-standing works must have a base or pedestal
6. **SIZE LIMIT:** 24" Length x 18" Width x 18" Height which includes required base.
7. Battery-operated entries must include all batteries.
8. Creative Writing entries shall include two (2) copies: one mounted/matted for display and one plain copy for judging
9. Science Fair Projects must include a stand-alone project board showing the experimental design process: Title, problem statement/hypothesis, design of experiment which includes materials and procedure, data collection (qualitative/quantitative)

and display of data, summary/results of data conclusion with student's name and school on the back. Any other pieces or parts must have the student's name on them.

DIVISION 422 CHILD MISC. PROJECTS

DIVISION 423 YOUTH MISC. PROJECTS

DIVISION 424 JUNIOR MISC. PROJECTS

CLASS:

- 1) Creative Writing
- 2) Lego Creation – Original Design only, No kits
- 3) Three-Dimensional Model – Original Hand Built (e.g., Mission Project)
- 4) Rock Art
- 5) Science Fair Project
- 6) Robotics or Model
- 7) Glider or Rocket
- 8) Any Other Miscellaneous Project, please specify

GROUP COLLABORATIONS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Classes in this Department are open to day care, school classes, after-school groups, Grange members, and Scouts. Members of 4-H and FFA must enter through the 4-H and FFA Department. Refer to Junior Home Arts Department Rules 2.
2. Each entry must be adequately labeled on the back with group's name, Division and Class.
3. Artwork may be displayed by using push pins, staples, tape or other through any project material. If a piece is framed, hanging apparatus must be attached or framed art may be disqualified.
4. Only the artwork will be considered during Judging.
5. Group entrants shall follow all Departmental Rules and Regulations pertaining to other Divisions in the Junior Home Arts Department.

DIVISION 425 CHILD GROUP PROJECT

DIVISION 426 YOUTH GROUP PROJECT

DIVISION 427 JUNIOR GROUP PROJECT

DIVISION 428 MIXED AGE GROUP PROJECT

CLASS:

- 1) Preserved Food, please specify
- 2) Painting or Drawing
- 3) Collage
- 4) Craft or 3-D Art, please specify
- 5) Clothing or Textile Item, please specify
- 6) Photography Project, please specify
- 7) Any Other not listed, please specify

SPECIAL FRIENDS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. These divisions are limited to handicapped or Special Education residents of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties.
2. Entry form should include school or program name and be signed by a program administrator or representative.
3. For group or class projects, please list the number of participants on the entry form.
4. All items intended for hanging must be framed or matted and have appropriate hooks.

DIVISION 429 JR. INDIVIDUAL PROJECT DIVISION 430 JR. GROUP OR CLASS PROJECT

CLASS:

- 1) Arts and Crafts
- 2) Collage
- 3) Craft or 3-D Art, please specify
- 4) Fine Arts: Drawings or Paintings (matted or framed)
- 5) Fiber Arts, Clothing or Textile Item, please specify
- 6) Wood or Metal Projects
- 7) Photography Project, please specify
- 8) Any Other, please specify

VISUAL ARTS

LORI BALA, DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

ENTRY FORMS DUE

August 1, 2026

LATE ENTRY FEE – Due August 8 – \$10.00

ENTRY FEES

All Visual Arts – \$5.00 per Item

EXHIBITS RECEIVED

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026, ~ 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monterey Room

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITORS' RECEPTION

Monday, August 31st, 2026, ~ 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** This Department is open to all residents of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties.
2. No entries will be accepted after the closing date.
3. **ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.**
4. Entries **MUST BE ORIGINAL** and created by the exhibitor.
This Department does not accept kits, stamped pattern work, or items produced in quantity for commercial sales.
5. No entry may have been exhibited in the previous Monterey County Fair.
6. MCF is proud of the professional quality Art Exhibit at our Fair. Department Classes encompass a broad spectrum of handcrafted Visual Arts. We encourage high-standard craftsmanship and stress individuality and creativity of artists. The following criteria shall be used as guidelines:
 - Originality of Design
 - Following Guidelines
 - Craftsmanship
 - Composition
 - Presentation
7. **IDENTIFICATION:** ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IDENTIFIED ON BACK UPPER LEFT CORNER OR UNDER BASE with the entrant's name, address, phone number, Division number, Class, and title. Title must be the same as given on the online entry. All information is to be neatly hand printed or typed.
8. **LIABILITY:** Every precaution will be taken in handling and exhibiting work; however, the Fair is not responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Submission of entry implies acceptance of all conditions stated in these rules. (Local and State).
 - Avoid entering any item high in sentimental and/or dollar value.
9. Exhibitors are encouraged to submit an artist's statement.
10. **JUDGING:** The American System of judging will be used. First, second, third prizes and/or Honorable Mention, will be given based on originality and quality of craftsmanship.
 - Awards will not be made if not merited.
 - All State Rules apply to all entries.
 - Judges and/or the Superintendent may move an entry from an inappropriate Division to an appropriate one.
 - All first-place winners in each Division will be re-judged for Best of Show.
11. The Department reserves the right to display all entries in a way that is aesthetically pleasing. All Photography and Two-Dimensional entries must be ready for hanging display. All entries will be displayed unless determined to be unsuitable for display by Judges or Superintendent.
12. Ribbons will be given when exhibits are released.
13. **Viewers' Choice Awards** will be announced Mon., Sept. 7th, 2026.
14. If you cannot find the proper Division for your work in Visual Arts, please check Home Arts.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best of Show Photography – \$50.00 & Rosette
Best of Show Fine Arts – \$50.00 & Rosette
Best of Show Wood Arts – \$50.00 & Rosette
Viewers' Choice per Department – Ribbon

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS PER DIVISION (EXCLUDING FAIR THEME)

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	HM
\$25.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	Ribbon

PHOTOGRAPHY

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries must be original photographic work of the exhibitor completed with the last year.
2. **Definitions of Division:**
 - a. An **Amateur** is defined as a person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a professional and has been doing so for less than 3 years.
 - b. A **Professional** is defined as a person who engages in art activity as a livelihood or for financial remuneration.
 - c. **Junior:** Younger than 18 years old
 - d. **Senior Citizen:** 62 years of age or older
 - e. **Exceptional:** Limited mental or physical disability.
3. **PRINT SPECIFICATIONS:** Prints may be from any camera type film, DSLR, Mirrorless and Phone) but they must be entered into the division that matches that camera type requirements. Prints should be as high quality as possible, either printing traditionally, or by using digital printing process. It is recommended that archival paper and inks are used for the quality of the images presented and for preservation of the photos.
4. **PRESENTATION SPECIFICATIONS:**
 - a. **ALL PHOTOS MUST BE 8"x10"**. Any other sizes will be disqualified.
 - b. Photos must be matted to a 11"x14" 16"x20" size matting.
 - c. Black or White Only, with overlay window matte preferred. Will except without overlay. Must be presentation quality.
 - d. No frames or foam boards
 - e. Construction paper is not acceptable matting.
5. **IDENTIFICATION:** ALL PHOTOS MUST HAVE THE EXHIBITORS NAME, DIVISION AND CLASS ON THE BACK BOTTOM RIGHT HAND CORNER. ENTRIES WITH TEXT INFORMATION OR LABELS ON THE FRONT OF THE PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
6. **Enhanced:** Digitally manipulating or altering the image. The content of the picture is changed significantly from the original, either by dramatic changes in content, selecting colorization, high dynamic range, compositing or other methods that alter the image/incorporate multiple photos into a single image. No AI Generated Images
7. **MODEL RELEASE:** A Release is required for each print in which a person is recognizable unless taken at a community activity, event, or on a public occasion.
8. **LIABILITY:** All reasonable care will be taken in handling each entry. Neither the Fair Management nor this Department will be responsible for unclaimed articles. All precautions will be taken during the Fair to protect the entries, but no liability for loss, theft or damage from any cause can be assumed by the Department or Fair Management. Submission of any work constitutes an agreement to this effect.
9. **JUDGING:** Judges will be looking for creative ways of photographing chosen subjects. Appropriate soft focus or selective focus photos are acceptable. Out-of-focus images or blurred handheld pictures are

regarded as poor work; sharp, clear images are valued. In black and white prints, a full range of tones from black through grays to white is expected.

- Judges need not give awards if they decide awards are not merited.
 - Best of Show will be chosen from all first-place winners of each department.
10. **ENTRY LIMITS: (1) entry per class**

PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 500 AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 501 PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 502 JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 503 SENIOR CITIZEN PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 504 EXCEPTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASSES FOR DIVISION 500-504

CLASS:

- 1) Color - Agriculture
- 2) Color - Animals
- 3) Color - Architecture
- 4) Color - Landscapes
- 5) Color - Food
- 6) Color - Community Event
- 7) Color - Floral
- 8) Color - Portrait
- 9) Color - Seascape
- 10) Color - Any other
- 11) Black And White - Agriculture
- 12) Black And White - Animals
- 13) Black And White - Architecture
- 14) Black And White - Landscapes
- 15) Black And White - Food
- 16) Black And White - Community Event
- 17) Black And White - Floral
- 18) Black And White - Portrait
- 19) Black And White - Seascape
- 20) Black And White - Any other
- 21) Enhanced - Agriculture
- 22) Enhanced - Animals
- 23) Enhanced - Architecture
- 24) Enhanced - Landscapes
- 25) Enhanced - Food
- 26) Enhanced - Community Event
- 27) Enhanced - Floral
- 28) Enhanced - Portrait
- 29) Enhanced - Seascape
- 30) Enhanced - Any other

FINE ARTS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Definitions of Division:

- a. An **Amateur** is defined as a person who engages in a n event or activity as a pastime rather than a professional and has been doing so for less than 3 years.
 - b. A **Professional** is defined as a person who engages in art activity as a livelihood or for financial remuneration.
 - c. **Enhanced:** Digitally manipulating or altering the image. The content of the picture is changed significantly from the original, either by dramatic changes in content, selecting colorization, high dynamic range, compositing or other methods that alter the image/incorporate multiple photos into a single image. **No AI Generated Images permitted.**
 - d. **Junior:** Younger than 18 years old
 - e. **Senior Citizen:** 62 years of age or older
 - f. **Exceptional:** Limited mental or physical disability.
2. Entries must have been completed within the past year.
 3. **ENTRY LIMITS: (5) entries per class**
 4. **IDENTIFICATION:** All fine arts pieces must have the exhibitor's name, division and class on the back, bottom right-hand corner. Entries with text information on the front will be disqualified.
 5. **DISPLAY FORMAT:** All work must be securely wired for hanging. **NO SAWTOOTH HANGERS.** Clip frames or uni-frames will not be accepted in any Division. The Department may rescind the right to hang or display any work deemed unsuitable.
 6. **FIN E ARTS WORKS MUST NOT EXCEED 24" WIDE BY 36" HIGH INCLUDING FRAME.**
 7. **LIABILITY:** All reasonable care will be taken in handling each entry. Neither the Fair Management

nor this Department will be responsible for unclaimed articles. All precautions will be taken during the Fair to protect the entries, but no liability for loss, theft or damage from any cause can be assumed by the Department or Fair Management. Submission of any work constitutes an agreement to the effect.

FINE ARTS

DIVISION 505 AMATUER FINE ARTS

DIVISION 506 PROFESSIONAL FINE ARTS

DIVISION 507 JUNIOR FINE ARTS

DIVISION 508 SENIOR CITIZEN FINE ARTS

DIVISION 509 EXCEPTIONAL FINE ARTS

CLASSES FOR DIVISION 505-509

CLASS:

- 1) Oil - Abstract
- 2) Oil - Representational
- 3) Acrylic - Abstract
- 4) Acrylic - Representational
- 5) Watercolor - Abstract
- 6) Watercolor - Representational
- 7) Printmaking - Abstract
- 8) Printmaking - Representational
- 9) Pencil/Charcoal/Ink - Abstract
- 10) Pencil/Charcoal/Ink - Representational
- 11) Sculpted Art - Ceramic/Clay
- 12) Sculpted Art -Recycled/Reclaimed/Assemblage
- 13) Sculpted Art - Any Other
- 14) Wood Sculpture
- 15) Wood Assemblage

WOOL DEPARTMENT

ENTRY FORMS DUE

August 1, 2026 – Postmarked and Online

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

ENTRY FEES

All Wool Show Entries – \$2.00 per Item

EXHIBITS RECEIVED

WOOL ENTRIES

Must be received by Wednesday, August 19th, 2026

Monterey County Fair – Wool Show, Entry Office

2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940

HANDCRAFTED WOOL ENTRIES

Thursday, August 20th, 2026, or Saturday, August 22nd, 2026, ~ 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Wool Building (enter through Gate 4)

JUDGING DATES

FLEECES: Saturday, August 22nd, 2026, ~ 9:00 AM ~ Wool Building

WOOL AUCTION

Monday, September 7th, 2026, ~ 11:30 AM

Community Stage

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

FLEECES

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This department is open to California exhibitors only
2. **FEATURED CLASS 2026:** Division 600, Class 11, Shetland Ram or Ewe
3. Only fleeces in the grease are eligible for competition. Manufacturers and dealers are excluded. Judging begins at 9:00 AM Saturday, August 22, 2026. This is prior to the Fair.
4. Fleeces shall not be more than 12-months growth. The definition of “12-months” shall be the definition most commonly accepted by the wool trade. Thus, if a fleece is actually slightly more than 12-months growth, due to unavoidable delay in obtaining shearers, or by weather, it shall be termed “12-months” wool.
5. Because this Wool Show terminates in an auction of hand spinning quality fleeces, all fleeces shall have bellies and tags removed. Fleeces not in compliance shall be disqualified. Fleeces entered in breed classes shall not be penalized for their light weight.
6. No Wether fleeces may be included.
7. Ewe and White fleeces only in Market, Division 601.
8. Double coated fleeces such as Purebred Navajo-Churro and Karakul fleeces are to be shown only in the Breed Classes as their double coats make them very difficult to class commercially.
9. Each exhibitor will be limited to two fleece entries per class.
10. All fleeces entered must have been sheared from sheep owned by the exhibitors.
11.  **ANYTIME THERE IS MORE THAN 3 OF A BREED IN THE PUREBRED CLASSES AN INDIVIDUAL CLASS CAN BE MADE.**
12. The judge has power to re-classify fleeces and move fleeces to the correct Division or Class before making awards. If moving fleeces results in an exhibitor having more than two fleeces in the Division/Class, the extras will be disqualified.
13. Fleeces will be shown in clear plastic bags, rolled with flesh side out in a manner to allow their being handled without falling apart.
14. Any fleeces entered for competition in the Monterey County Fair Wool Show shall be discriminated against if:
 - Showing any paint or tar brands (soluble branding fluids permitted).
 - Showing a weak staple or break in the fiber.
 - Containing any excess burrs or other vegetative matter.
15. **JUDGING OF FLEECES SHALL CONSIDER:**
 - Fitness
 - Evenness of quality or fitness among the various parts of the fleece

- Length and strength of staple
 - Estimated clean weight
 - Condition
 - Character, including crimp and color
16. Fleeces may be shipped to the Wool Show at the address listed on the first page of the Department. A paper carton is excellent for shipping.
17. SALE OF WOOL: Fleeces deemed spinning quality by the judge will be sold in a special fleece auction unless disqualified. ALL FLEECES WILL BE OFFERED AT AUCTION. Please state on Entry form, the MINIMUM PRICE per Pound desired for each fleece, and disposition of fleece if not sold at auction. A 6% selling charge will be collected on all fleeces sold. If no minimum price is set, it will be determined to be \$2.00/lb. You will NOT be allowed to change the sale price after entry is received.
18. Exhibitors not wishing to incur the cost of return shipment for fleeces which do not sell may donate said fleeces to the Wool Show. The fleeces will be used for educational purposes. Please arrange for the retrieval of any unsold fleeces.
19. Disqualified fleeces will be released immediately after judging, Saturday, August 22, 2026. All unsold fleeces will be released following the auction. Please pick up by 2:00 PM on September 7 at the Wool Show Building. Please send a letter of authorization if you wish to have someone else pick up your unsold fleeces.
20. Only the Champion and Reserve Champion of Breed Classes, Market Classes, and Natural Colored Wool Classes are eligible for Grand Champion Wool.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE							
# OF FLEECES	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
8 or more	\$15	\$9	\$6	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$2
5 to 7	\$8	\$5	\$3	\$2	\$2		
Up to 4	\$5	\$3	\$2				

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR FEATURE CLASS DIV 600: CLASS 11: SHETLAND RAM OR EWE							
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$20	\$15	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$5	\$5

Special Awards

GRAND CHAMPION WOOL

Grand Champion Fleece – \$50.00,
Name on Perpetual Plaque & Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion Fleece –
\$25.00 & Rosette

CHAMPION BREED

Champion Breed Fleece – \$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Champion Breed Fleece –
\$10.00 & Rosette

CHAMPION MARKET

Champion Market – \$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Champion Market – \$10.00 & Rosette

CHAMPION NATURAL COLORED WOOL

Champion Natural Colored Fleece –
\$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Champion Natural Colored Fleece –
\$10.00 & Rosette

CHAMPION MOHAIR

Champion Mohair Fleece – \$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Champion Mohair Fleece –
\$10.00 & Rosette

BREED – PUREBED ONLY

2026 FEATURE CLASS:
DIV 600: CLASS 11 – SHETLAND RAM OR EWE

DIVISION 600 BREED (PUREBRED SHEEP ONLY)

CLASS:

- 1) Cormo Ram or Ewe
- 2) Corriedale Ram or Ewe
- 3) Merino Ram or Ewe
- 4) Navajo – Churro Ram or Ewe
- 5) Oxford Ram or Ewe
- 6) Rambouillet Ram or Ewe
- 7) Romney Ram or Ewe
- 8) Targhee Ram or Ewe
- 9) Romeldale/CVM Ram or Ewe
- 10) Jacob Ram or Ewe
- 11) **Shetland Ram or Ewe**
- 12) Other Wool Breeds, Ram, or Ewe (Breed must be named on Entry Form)

MARKET – CROSSBREED

DIVISION 601 MARKET (CROSSBREED SHEEP) **(WHITE EWES ONLY)**

CLASS:

- 1) Fine Combing 64s-80s
- 2) 1/2 Blood Combing 60s-62s
- 3) 3/8 Blood Combing 56s-58s
- 4) 1/4 Blood Combing 50s-54s
- 5) Low 1/4 Blood Combing 46s-48s or coarser

NATURAL COLORED WOOL

DIVISION 602 NATURAL COLORED WOOL **(ANY COLOR OTHER THAN WHITE EWES OR RAMS)**

CLASS:

SOLID COLOR INCLUDING BLACK

- 1) Fine Combing 64s-80s
- 2) 1/2 Blood Combing 60s-62s
- 3) 3/8 Blood Combing 56s-58s
- 4) 1/4 Blood Combing 50s-54s
- 5) Low 1/4 Blood Combing 46s-48s or Coarser

VARIEGATED

- 6) Fine Combing 64s-80s
- 7) 1/2 Blood Combing 60s-62s
- 8) 3/8 Blood Combing 56s-58s
- 9) 1/4 Blood Combing 50s-54s
- 10) Low 1/4 Blood Combing 46s-48s or Coarser

MOHAIR

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Enter Mohair based on grade of fleece not the age of goat.
2. Mohair fleece to be entered and shown in clear plastic bag.
3. It is the accepted practice to only enter unwashed fleeces.
4. Colored fleeces must be distinctly colored.
5. Pays to 4th Place of Premium Schedule 5 to 7.

DIVISION 603 MOHAIR (PUREBRED GOATS ONLY)

CLASS:

- 1) White Mohair, Kid 24-30 microns
- 2) Colored Mohair, Kid 24-30 microns
- 3) White Yearling to Adult (fine) 31-35 microns
- 4) Colored Yearling to Adult (fine) 31-35 microns

HANDSPUN & HANDCRAFTED WOOL

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Exhibitors limited to Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Clara, and San Luis Obispo counties. EXCEPTION: Anyone buying fleece at Monterey County Fair Wool Show Auction may enter yarn or an item made from that fleece regardless of their place of residence.
- Entries in this Department must have been produced by the exhibitor and completed within one year of the entry date for the Fair to be eligible for premium awards.
- ENTRY LIMIT: (2) entries per exhibitor per class.**
- Include entry label below with each handspun yarn entry along with a minimum 3"x3" swatch and fiber sample.
- SOCK YARN:** Must be predominantly mammal; one ply may be synthetic commercially spun fiber (i.e., to give durability).
- NOVELTY YARN:** Yarn from Handspun Classes 1-11 is the effect or main yarn and not the binder yarn. Binder or core yarn may be any fiber, including commercially spun yarn or thread. Plying should be of a non-standard technique, or yarn should incorporate unusual techniques - such as wrapping of cores, boucle, brushed boucle or adding beads.
- SHEEP TO YARN:** Exhibitor must have completed the whole process of washing, processing, spinning, and dyeing of yarn.
- BASKETS OF YARN:** Basket doesn't have to be handmade. Yarns must meet the criteria of Division 604, including samples of end use.
- Yarns used in Crafted Handspun must meet the criteria of Division 604 Handspun Yarns.
- Spinner-Maker:** Open to teams of two. Person A spun the yarn, and Person B made the finished item. List both team members on entry form.

- Team Effort:** Open to any group of spinners, weavers, knitters, etc. Ideal category for guild efforts.
- Any woven item that is less than 50% wool or other mammalian fiber, even if handspun, must be entered in Adult Home Arts, Weaving Division. Handwoven items made from any commercial yarns must be entered in Adult Home Arts, Weaving Division. The judge may transfer items not entered correctly into the proper department.

Special Awards

Donated by: Anne's Web Spinning Guild

ANNE BLINKS PERPETUAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HAND SPINNING

Champion Yarn - \$25.00
& Name on Perpetual Plaque

JOANNE NISSEN PERPETUAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CRAFTED HANDSPUN

Best of Show - \$50.00
& Name on Perpetual Plaque

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR FEATURE CLASSES					
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
\$15	\$9	\$6	\$3	\$3	\$3

MONTEREY COUNTY FAIR HANDSPUN & CRAFTED WOOL ENTRY FORM

Submit this form with Wool entry. Attach Wool samples as necessary.

Divisions (circle one) 604 605 Class: _____ Exhibitor Age (if Minor): _____

Type of Fiber(s)/Breed(s): _____

Manner of Fiber Preparation: _____

Type of Dye/Mordant (if applicable): _____

Type of Spinning; Number of Plies: _____

Intended Use for Yarn: _____

Additional Information: _____

Wool Purchased at Monterey County Fair? YES NO Fiber Sample Yarn Sample/Swatch

Processed by Exhibitor? YES NO

HANDSPUN YARN

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **FEATURED ITEM 2026: Division 604, Class 1** - Premiums will be paid to 6 places.
2. **Classes 1-3 and 9-11:** Fibers used must be spun solely from wool.
3. **Classes 4- 7:** Yarn may be up to 49% non-mammal fibers and make up 51% or more of mammal fiber.
4. Fibers may be dyed with natural or chemical dyes.
5. Yarn skeins must be a minimum of 50 yards or 50 grams. Tie loosely with at least three skein ties, using figure 8 ties.
6. Handspun entries will be judged for the quality of the spinning. For example, strength, consistency, appropriateness for the end product, etc. Any number plies.

2026 FEATURE ITEM:

CLASS 1: WOOL YARN, 18 WRAPS PER INCH OR MORE

DIVISION 604 HANDSPUN YARNS

CLASS:

- 1) **Wool Yarn, 18 wraps per inch or more**
- 2) Wool Yarn, 13-17 wraps per inch
- 3) Wool Yarn, 12 wraps per inch or fewer
- 4) Mohair Yarn, may be a blend where Mohair is the predominant fiber
- 5) Camelid (llama, alpaca, camel)
- 6) Other Mammal
- 7) Blend
- 8) Sock Yarn
- 9) Spindle Spun Wool Yarn
- 10) Spindle Spun Other Mammal Yarn
- 11) Novice (exhibitor may not have won a Blue Ribbon)
- 12) Commercially Prepared Wool
- 13) Novelty Yarn
- 14) Sheep to Yarn

BASKETS OF YARN

- 15) One Each of the Following Five Yarns:
18 or more wraps per inch (lace),
15-16 wraps per inch (fingering),
12-14 wraps per inch spun (worsted),
12-14 wraps per inch spun woolen,
10 wraps per inch or fewer
- 16) Five (5) skeins of novelty yarn using 5 different techniques
- 17) As many skeins of yarn as needed for one project, minimum 12 oz. or 1,000 yards

CRAFTED HANDSPUN

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **FEATURED ITEM 2026: Division 605, Class 1** - Premiums will be paid to 6 places.
2. In hand-woven entries, yarn other than handspun wool yarns may be used as non-visible wrap only. Visible wrap/weft must be 100% handspun.
3. For rugs, commercial wrap threads may be used, providing they are only visible as fringe or bound wrap finish.

4. To be eligible for Best of Show, the entry must be accompanied by a sample of the yarn and the unspun fiber.

5. **Classes 16-18:** Teams eligible to enter include those in which both members live in the geographical area currently eligible to enter Monterey County Fair, using whatever eligible fiber they want. Teams living anywhere that use a fleece bought at the Monterey County Fair Wool Auction may enter.

2026 FEATURE ITEM:

CLASS 1: SCARF, COWL OR NECKWEAR

DIVISION 605 CRAFTED

CLASS:

- 1) **Scarf, Cowl, or Neckwear**
- 2) Hat - with Pom Poms in Honor of Geri Wade
- 3) Mittens, Gloves, Hand Coverings
- 4) Socks, Slippers
- 5) Layette Item, please specify (booties, cap, hat, etc.)
- 6) Bag or Purse
- 7) Sweater - Knitted or Crocheted, please specify
- 8) Vest - Knitted or Crocheted, please specify
- 9) Article of Clothing - Woven, please specify
- 10) Shawl, Ruana, Poncho
- 11) Afghan, Throw, Lap Rug - Knitted or Crocheted, please specify
- 12) Afghan, Throw, Lap Rug - Woven, please specify
- 13) Rug, Saddle Blanket, or Tapestry Blanket
- 14) Cushion or Pillow
- 15) Any Other, please specify
- 16) Clothing: Spinner-Maker
- 17) All Other: Spinner-Maker
- 18) Team Effort - Any Item, please specify
- 19) Felted Item, indicate the felting method used



WOOL SHOW ENTRY FORM

WOOL SHOW: USE FOR DIVISIONS 600-605

Forms Due to MCF or Postmarked No Later Than August 1

Please Print Exhibitor (Legal Owner) Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Delivery Address (if different) _____

Mail to:

Monterey County Fair
2004 Fairground Road
Monterey, CA 93940

Leave Blank	Division Number	Class Number	Min. Sale Price	Sheep ID or Name	Type of Wool	Entry Fee
This form may be reproduced for 2026 Monterey County Fair Entries.						Total Entry Fees
Cash Check Check # _____						Amount Enclosed

Hold Harmless/Read and Sign

Upon signature and submittal of Entry Form, exhibitors and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledge that: a. they understand the State Rules for California Fairs and the local rules as printed in the Fair Entry Guidebook; b. They agree to abide by them, c. They certify that all information on the form is true and correct; d. They agree to comply with the Fair's decision regarding any violation of the rules.

Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that occur to any of the Exhibitors or Exhibits at the Fair. The Exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the Exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

I certify that this entry is the project of the Exhibitor, and these entries comply with the rules and regulations published in the official Entry Guidebook. I understand that all fleece entries shall be entered in the auction.

Exhibitor Signature _____

IMPORTANT - Indicate disposition of fleeces if not sold. Fleeces will NOT be returned without prepaid shipping label.

_____ If Fleece does not sell, donate to MCF Wool Show.

_____ I will pick up on (date/time) _____

_____ Ship to me at my expense; prepaid label is enclosed.

_____ Release my unsold fleece(s) to _____

4-H & FFA

ONLINE ENTRY DUE

August 1, 2026

LATE ENTRY FEE – Due August 8 – \$10.00

ENTRY FEES

No Entry Fees, No Cash Awards

EXHIBITS RECEIVED

Sunday, August 30th, 2026, ~ 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Monterey Room

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **ENTRY:** Enter online **ONLY** at www.montereycountyfair.com
2. **Livestock Exhibitors** at this Fair must enter at least one (1) still exhibit for display in this year's Fair. See Junior Livestock Department Rules, Entry Information, Rule 4.
3. All FFA and 4-H entries must have been made, collected, grown, or prepared in accordance with the requirements or recommendations of that program and entered by exhibitors who were enrolled in those projects in within one year of the opening date of the Fair.
4. **LIMIT:** Eight (8) ITEMS per EXHIBITOR per DIVISION, unless indicated otherwise and excluding Posters (Rule 5).
5. **POSTERS:** Limit one poster per exhibitor. Considering educational displays, posters must provide educational value. .
6. **LIABILITY:** Every precaution will be taken in exhibiting work; however, the Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Entry submission implies acceptance of all conditions in Local and State rules.
7. **JUDGING:** All entries will be judged as **Individual Entries**.
8. **All entries are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and must be entered online by the exhibitor. No chapter/club bulk entries will be accepted.**
9. The Danish System of Judging will be used for 4-H/FFA displays. Danish Judging is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. Each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets a standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits. In all Departments using the Danish System, the following guidelines shall be used:

Quality	Score	Ribbon
1 st Group	92%-100 Superior	Blue
2 nd Group	84%-91% Good	Red
3 rd Group	70%-83% Average	White

FFA ENTRIES

AG MECHANICS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. FFA students entering exhibits in Agricultural Mechanics must be regularly enrolled in a high school that is following the California State Plan for vocational agriculture.
2. Although the exhibits need not be owned by the exhibitor, all must be the products of students as a regular part of their instructions in Agricultural Mechanics for the past year. Student exhibitors must have been at least a major contributor to the building or repairing of the exhibit. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year.
3. An exhibitor may not enter more than one article from the same pattern.
4. These Divisions are for Farm Equipment. Decorative welded items may be entered in Creative Welding. Non-farm-related woodworking items should be entered in Woodworking.
5. **All entries are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and must be entered online by the exhibitor. No chapter/club bulk entries will be accepted.**

DIVISION 700 FFA BASIC WELDING

CLASS:

- 1) Acetylene
- 2) Arc
- 3) Braze
- 4) Mig
- 5) Tig

DIVISION 701 FFA AG EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTED

CLASS:

- 1) Electrical, Any Item, please specify
- 2) Plumbing, Any Item, please specify
- 3) Welding and Forging, Any Item, please specify
- 4) Woodworking, Any Item, please specify
- 5) Any Other, please specify

AG SCIENCES

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Exhibits in this division must have been produced by the exhibitor as an integral part of their agricultural education supervised project and/or agriculture science class instructions.
2. Exhibits must be adequately titled and specimens correctly labeled with common and genus species name, where applicable.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to two entries per class. The second entry cannot be of same design and/or near identical specimen content.
4. Where applicable, the exhibitor shall be responsible for the care of entries in this division.
5. Where applicable, quarantined or restricted specimens must be approved by the Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner prior to entry.

DIVISION 702 FFA AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

CLASS:

- 1) Seed Collection:
Specimens of at least 10 different seeds of suitable quantity for identification. Specimens shall be labeled with a common name.
- 2) Insect Collection:
Specimens of at least 10 insects of any insect order; or at least 6 harmful and/or beneficial insects common to agricultural crops or products; or a combination of any insect orders, harmful insects, and beneficial insects totaling at least 12 specimens. Insect mounting and display shall be by acceptable entomology practices. Harmful or beneficial specimen collections shall include a brief description of benefit or harm done (feeding habits), harmful growth stage, control measures, or other special traits. Quarantined or harmful insects not common to Monterey County cannot be exhibited.
- 3) Any Other Subject:
Related to crop science, horticulture, agriculture mechanization, agribusiness, forestry, or natural resources that is not covered elsewhere in this department. Parts labeling and descriptive steps/stages shall be completed where applicable.

FLORAL

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Small valuable figurines and accessories should not be used in arrangements.
2. The owner's name on the bottom of the container is recommended. The attendant in charge will take every possible precaution but will not be responsible for loss or breakage.
3. Presentation boxes are strongly encouraged/recommended for all corsages and boutonnieres.

DIVISION 703 FFA DRY ARRANGEMENTS

CLASS:

- 1) Fair Theme
- 2) Corsage or Boutonniere
- 3) Any Other, please specify

HORTICULTURE

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE MARKET QUALITY AND CONDITION. The quality in horticultural product exhibits is the quality that brings the best financial return in the commercial market. Exhibits stressing features which detract from the commercial value should be avoided.
2. Exhibits in FFA Horticulture must have been grown by the exhibitors as an integral part of their agricultural education supervised project and/or horticulture class instruction.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their own plants while they are being exhibited.
4. All plants must have been propagated, grown and/or raised by the exhibitor for at least 40 days.
5. Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled with plants common and/or genus species name.
EXCEPTION: Entries using three or more plant species in a single container.
6. All plants must be planted in suitable containers, as specified in each class. All plants must be established in containers for at least 30 days prior to Fair.

7. All containers are to be clean or wrapped in decorative foil prior to entry receiving. Metal nursery cans are to be painted or tarred.
8. Hanging basket displays are not permitted.
9. Diseased or insect infested exhibits will be disqualified and removed from the exhibit area.
10. The plant name is to be entered in the online entry.
EXCEPTION: Entries of three or more different plants in a single container should state "multiple varieties" on entry.

DIVISION 705 FFA HORTICULTURE

CLASS:

- 1) Dish Garden:
(Cacti, succulent, or a combination) Three or more plant species or variety in a single container, decorative accessories permitted, please specify type of garden
- 2) Succulents:
(Including Zygodactyl and other than cacti types) Single plant in a clay or plastic container, please specify

WOODWORKING & CREATIVE WELDING

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. FFA members entering exhibits in this Department must be enrolled in a woodworking, welding, or construction class.
2. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year. Display cards may be filled out and attached to each exhibit in this department, if so desired.

DIVISION 706 FFA WOODWORKING

DIVISION 707 FFA CREATIVE WELDING

CLASS:

- 1) Furniture, please specify
- 2) Lighting, please specify
- 3) Decorative Display, please specify
- 4) Household Item, please specify
- 5) Other, please specify

4-H ENTRIES

PRIMARY MEMBER EXHIBITS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. 4-H youth participate as Primary Members upon entering kindergarten and continue through the completion of third grade (State Rule VII Junior Department, 2).
2. Any project created while a youth was enrolled as a Primary Member or Clover Bud must be entered in Division 708.
3. No competitive judging. participation ribbons may be presented.

DIVISION 708 4-H PRIMARY PROJECT

CLASS:

- 1) Home Arts/Arts & Crafts
- 2) Food Preservation, please specify
- 3) Foods (see requirements under 4-H Foods)
- 4) Any Other Project, please specify

FOODS & NUTRITION

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Foods that need refrigeration may not be entered.
2. QUANTITIES:
 - a. Biscuits, Cupcakes, Muffins - 1/2 dozen, large or small
 - b. Bread - 1/2 loaf plus 1 slice, any size pan
 - c. Cakes - 1/2 cake plus one slice (not cut off), wrapped well
 - d. Candy - 1/2 dozen pieces (any other)
 - e. Cookies - 1/2 dozen
 - f. Brownies or Bar Cookies- 1/2 dozen
3. Unless otherwise indicated, all items must be made from scratch.
4. All baked goods and confections must be submitted on/in disposable plates or pans and well wrapped. THE FAIR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RETURN OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS. Special plates or presentation trays do not affect the scoring.

DIVISION 709 4-H JUNIOR FOODS

DIVISION 710 4-H INTERMEDIATE FOODS

DIVISION 711 4-H SENIOR FOODS

CLASS:

- 1) Biscuits, Rolls, Bread, Muffins
- 2) Cake or Cupcakes
- 3) Candy
- 4) Cookies
- 5) Brownies or Bar Cookies
- 6) Non-food Item

FOOD PRESERVATION

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries in these divisions must be home prepared and canned or packaged by the exhibitor within one year of opening date of the Fair. Items which have been shown at any previous Fairs are not eligible.
2. Low-acid fruits should be made more acidic by adding lemon juice as directed in USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning.
3. Tomatoes and fruits (not including their juices) must be processed in boiling water bath.
4. Dried products should be wrapped in clear plastic or sealed in jars.
5. All food preservation, packaging, and labeling must be done in accordance with directions and recipes in publications listed in the 4-H Food Preservation Project Outline.
6. EXHIBITS MUST BE PROPERLY LABELED with type of product, dates of canning, and method used.
7. Use clear glass containers, wide or narrow mouth jars. One standard canning jar, any size. STANDARD JAR: a container specifically designed for home canning purposes. No paraffin seals.
8. All canning must be in sealed jars. New screw rings MUST be used.
9. Submit one standard jar, container, or package per entry.

DIVISION 712 4-H JUNIOR FOOD PRESERVATION

DIVISION 713 4-H INTER. FOOD PRESERVATION

DIVISION 714 4-H SENIOR FOOD PRESERVATION

CLASS:

- 1) Canned Fruit or Vegetable, please specify
- 2) Dried Fruit Leather, please specify
- 3) Dried Fruit or Vegetable, please specify
- 4) Jam, Jelly or Preserves, please specify
- 5) Jerky
- 6) Any Other, please specify

ARTS & CRAFTS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries in this division must be the result of skills taught by a 4-H Project Leader. School-led or instructed projects should be entered in the appropriate Junior Home Arts division.
2. Crafts include projects such as macramé, stenciling, faux finishes, mosaics, plastic and wood models, and exhibits in weaving, spinning and dyeing of wool, needlepoint, and decorated textiles. DIY and Up-cycled projects may be included in this category.
3. Fine Arts include drawings, sketches and paintings. Two dimensional Fine Arts must be matted and/or framed.
4. Handcrafted Ceramics entries must be made from clay and formed or molded by the exhibitor. Pre-made ceramic items that are simply painted by an exhibitor should be entered in the Crafts Class.
5. Exhibitors entering items that are pre-cut or pre-stamped MUST attach a note stating which portion of the item the exhibitor completed. Exhibitors

- should select articles to complete within their ability and will be judged on the neatness and the artistry of the exhibit.
6. All pictures and plaques should be suitable for tabletop display.

DIVISION 715 4-H JUNIOR ARTS & CRAFTS

DIVISION 716 4-H INTERMEDIATE ARTS & CRAFTS

DIVISION 717 4-H SENIOR ARTS & CRAFTS

CLASS:

- 1) Crafts, specify
- 2) Fine Art, specify
- 3) Handcrafted Ceramic, please specify
- 4) Leather Working
- 5) Home Furnishing or Accessory, please specify
- 6) Up-cycled Item, please specify
- 7) Any Other, please specify

SEWING & QUILTING

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Online entries must specify item.
2. All items are to be clean and pressed.
3. An exhibit may consist of an individual item or a coordinated outfit of three to five garments.
4. Decorated or dyed textiles should be entered as Crafts.
5. Quilts may be machine or hand quilted.
6. All quilting must be done by exhibitor (no hired out long arm quilting allowed).
7. "No Sew" items should be entered as Arts and Crafts.

DIVISION 718 4-H JUNIOR SEWING

DIVISION 719 4-H INTERMEDIATE SEWING

DIVISION 720 4-H SENIOR SEWING

CLASS:

- 1) Single Article of Clothing
- 2) Home Decor Item, please specify
- 3) Quilt, specify size
- 4) Any Other Sewn or Quilted Item, please specify

PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. LIMIT: Two entries per exhibitor per class.
2. All prints must be PROPERLY matted on photo matboard or poster board with freestanding backing. (Professional mounting is suggested.)
3. Photos may be submitted in a frame that makes them suitable for freestanding tabletop display.
4. Entries must be properly labeled with name, Division, and Class on back upper left corner.

DIVISION 721 4-H JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 722 4-H INTERMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 723 4-H SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASS:

- 1) Black & White Print – one 8"x10" photo
- 2) Color Print – one 8"x10" photo
- 3) Framed Set of Prints: All images in a set must be of the same subject or an alike series; combination of images should tell one story. Frame should be freestanding – display of wall hangings may not be possible.

- 4) Modified or Enhanced Photo Image, please specify modification on online entry (example: hand-colored; overlay process; use of filters)

FLORAL

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Small valuable figurines and accessories should not be used.
2. Owner's name on container bottom is recommended.
3. Presentation boxes are strongly encouraged/recommended for all corsages and boutonnieres.

DIVISION 724 4-H DRY ARRANGEMENTS

CLASS:

- 1) Fair Theme
- 2) Corsage or Boutonniere
- 3) Any Other, please specify

HORTICULTURE

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Exhibits in 4-H Horticulture must have been grown by the exhibitors as an integral part of their Horticulture project.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their own plants while they are being exhibited.
3. All plants must have been propagated, grown and/or raised by the exhibitor for at least 40 days.
4. Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled with plants common and/or genus species name. EXCEPTION: Terrariums, dish gardens and exhibits using three or more plant species in a single container.
5. All plants must be planted in suitable standard containers, as specified in each class. All plants must be established in containers for at least 30 days prior to Fair. Plants grown in flats must be established for at least 2 weeks prior to the Fair.
6. All containers are to be clean or wrapped in decorative foil prior to entry receiving. Metal cans are to be painted or tarred.
7. Hanging basket displays are not permitted.
8. All exhibits must be of market quality and condition.
9. Diseased or insect infested exhibits will be disqualified and removed from exhibit area.
10. The plant name is to be entered in online entry form. EXCEPTION: Entries with three or more different plants in a single container should state "multiple varieties" on entry.

DIVISION 726 4-H HORTICULTURE

CLASS:

- 1) Cacti, Single Plant, in clay or plastic container
- 2) Dish Garden (cacti, succulent, or a combination), three or more plant species or variety in a single container, accessories permitted, please specify type of garden
- 3) Succulents (including Zygocacti and other than cacti types), single plant in a clay or plastic container, please specify

AG MECHANICS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. 4-H members entering exhibits in Agricultural Mechanics must be enrolled in a welding vocational agriculture project.
2. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year. Display cards may be filled out and attached to each exhibit in this department, if desired.
3. The following Divisions are for Farm Equipment only. Decorative welded items may be entered in the Creative Welding Division. Non-farm-related woodworking items should be entered into in the Woodworking Division.

DIVISION 727 4-H BASIC WELDING

CLASS:

- 1) Acetylene
- 2) Arc
- 3) Braze
- 4) Mig
- 5) Tig

DIVISION 728 4-H AG EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTED

CLASS:

- 1) Electrical, Any Item, please specify
- 2) Plumbing, Any Item, please specify
- 3) Welding and Forging, Any Item, please specify
- 4) Woodworking, Any Item, please specify
- 5) Any Other, please specify

WOODWORKING & CREATIVE WELDING

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. 4-H members entering exhibits in these Divisions must be enrolled in a woodworking, welding, or construction project.
2. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year. Display cards may be filled out and attached to each exhibit in this department, if so desired.

DIVISION 729 4-H JUNIOR WOOD & METAL

DIVISION 730 4-H INTERMEDIATE WOOD & METAL

DIVISION 731 4-H SENIOR WOOD & METAL

CLASS:

- 1) Furniture, please specify
- 2) Lighting, please specify
- 3) Household Item, please specify
- 4) Decorative Display, please specify
- 5) Other, please specify

MISCELLANEOUS 4-H PROJECTS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. These Divisions are set up for new 4-H projects or those not provided for in other Divisions. Entries must have been made in connection with a recognized 4-H project.
2. All entries in these Divisions must be non-perishable.
3. THIS ENTRY CAN BE A POSTER. MAXIMUM SIZE OF 20"x30" or 22"x28". LIMIT one poster per exhibitor.

DIVISION 732 4-H JUNIOR MISC.

DIVISION 733 4-H INTERMEDIATE MISC.

DIVISION 734 4-H SENIOR MISCELLANEOUS

CLASS:

- 1) 4-H Educational Poster, Any Learning Experience
- 2) Agricultural Science
- 3) Shooting Sports
- 4) Any Other 4-H Project Not Included, please specify

OUTSTANDING 4-H AND FFA EXHIBITOR SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

The Monterey County Fair is proud to recognize exceptional participation and achievement in the Stills Department through the **Outstanding Exhibitor Sweepstakes Awards**. These awards recognize exhibitors who demonstrate outstanding effort, skill, and participation across multiple still exhibit divisions.

Two sweepstakes awards will be presented annually during the fair's exhibitor awards breakfast. These awards will be buckles:

- **Outstanding 4-H Stills Exhibitor**
- **Outstanding FFA Stills Exhibitor**

These awards recognize exhibitors who enter numerous projects and consistently achieve high placings throughout the department.

JUDGING METHOD

The award will be determined using a **sweepstakes point system** based on official judging results.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Placing	Points
Best of Show	10
First Place	5
Second Place	3
Third Place	1

- **Only official judge placings within the 4-H and FFA section of the Stills Department will count toward the point total.**
- **If an exhibitor receives multiple awards on a single entry (for example Best of Show and First Place), only the highest point value will be counted.**

MULTIPLE DEPARTMENT ENTRIES

Exhibitors may enter both the **4-H and FFA Stills Departments** if they are eligible in each program.

- **Entries exhibited in the 4-H and FFA Stills Department will count only toward the 4-H and FFA point totals for the Outstanding 4-H and FFA Stills Exhibitor award.**
- **Points will not be combined between the two departments.**

DETERMINATION OF WINNER

Points will be totaled for all qualifying entries submitted by the exhibitor. The exhibitor with the **highest total point accumulation** will be named **Outstanding 4-H or FFA Stills Exhibitor**.

TIE BREAKER

In the event of a tie:

1. The exhibitor with the **most Best of Show awards** will be declared the winner.
2. If still tied, the exhibitor with the **most First Place awards** will be declared the winner.
3. If still tied, the award will be determined by the **Stills Department Superintendent**.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Open to any **4-H or FFA member (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior)** who is qualified to enter exhibits in the Monterey County Fair.
2. Exhibitor must enter a **minimum of ten (10) still exhibits** in the **4-H and FFA Stills Department** during the current fair year.
3. Entries may be submitted across **multiple divisions or classes** within the department.
4. All exhibits must comply with Monterey County Fair rules and regulations.

Sign up for floral judging contest by scanning the QR code below:



FLORAL JUDGING CONTEST

The Monterey County Fair will host a **Floral Identification Contest** to encourage knowledge of floriculture and plant identification among youth exhibitors. Participants will demonstrate their ability to correctly identify common floral materials used in horticulture and floral design.

The contest will be held on **Saturday, September 5th at 3:00 PM** following the **Junior Livestock and Agricultural Mechanics Live Auction**. Winner will receive a buckle at the awards breakfast on Monday, September 7th.

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1. Open to **4-H and FFA exhibitors** participating in the Monterey County Fair.
 2. Participants must register prior to the contest by scanning QR code above.

CONTEST FORMAT

1. Participants will be required to **identify twenty-five (25) floral items**.
2. Floral items may include **flowers, foliage, plant materials, commonly used floral design materials, commonly used tools, and specialty floral items**.
3. Contestants will record their answers by **scanning a QR code and completing the contest quiz electronically**.
4. **Participants must have a smartphone capable of scanning QR codes and accessing the online quiz** in order to participate in the contest.
5. Each correct identification will receive **one point**.

SCORING

1. A maximum of **25 points** may be earned.
2. The contestant with the **highest total score** will be declared the winner.

TIE BREAKER

In the event of a tie:

1. Tied contestants will participate in a **tie-breaker identification round** consisting of additional floral identification items.
2. The contestant correctly identifying the **greatest number of tie-breaker items** will be declared the winner.
3. If a tie still exists, the **Stills Department Superintendent** will determine the final result.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT AUCTION

The Monterey County Fair Agricultural Mechanics Project Auction provides youth exhibitors the opportunity to showcase and sell their agricultural mechanics projects while encouraging excellence in craftsmanship, creativity, and agricultural innovation.

Exhibitors whose projects receive qualifying placings may choose to sell their projects through the **Agricultural Mechanics Auction**, which includes both a **Live Auction** and a **Silent Auction** component.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Open to **4-H and FFA exhibitors** entering Agricultural Mechanics projects in the **Stills Department** of the Monterey County Fair.
2. Only projects receiving **First Place or higher** from the official judge will be eligible for participation in the auction.
3. Exhibitors wishing to participate in the Agricultural Mechanics Auction must **opt in prior to judging**.
4. All exhibits must comply with Monterey County Fair, **4-H**, and **FFA rules and regulations**.

AUCTION STRUCTURE

The Agricultural Mechanics Auction will consist of **two components**:

LIVE AUCTION

1. The **top three (3) Agricultural Mechanics projects** will be selected by the **Stills Department Superintendent** following judging.
2. Selected projects will be sold during the **Monterey County Fair Junior Livestock Auction**.
3. Exhibitors whose projects are selected will be **notified following judging**.

SILENT AUCTION

1. Additional **First Place Agricultural Mechanics projects** that opted into the auction but are not selected for the live auction will be entered into a **Silent Auction**.
2. The Silent Auction will be conducted **throughout the duration of the fair**.
3. Projects will remain on display and available for bidding during the fair.

MINIMUM BID

1. Exhibitors may establish a **minimum acceptable bid price** for their project.
2. If bidding does not reach the exhibitor's minimum bid, the exhibitor may **retain ownership of the project and remove it from the auction**.
3. If the minimum bid is met or exceeded, the project will be sold to the highest bidder.

PAYMENT

1. Exhibitors whose projects are sold will receive payment in the **same manner and timeline as Junior Livestock Auction payments.**
2. Payment distribution will follow the **standard Monterey County Fair auction procedures.**

GENERAL RULES

1. All projects entered into the Agricultural Mechanics Auction must remain on display in the **Stills Department for the duration of the fair unless otherwise released by fair management.**
 2. Buyers must remove purchased projects according to the **official fair release schedule.**
 3. **The Stills Department Superintendent reserves the right to determine the projects selected for the Live Auction.**
 4. The Monterey County Fair reserves the right to **interpret and enforce all rules related to the Agricultural Mechanics Auction.**
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JUNIOR LIVESTOCK

OWNERSHIP DEADLINES

MARKET BEEF – 120 Days, By May 2, 2026

MARKET SWINE, SHEEP, AND GOATS – 60 Days, By July 2, 2026

BREEDING ANIMALS, POULTRY, AND RABBITS – 30 Days, By July 30, 2026

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY DUE-\$5.00 PER TAG

Market Beef – May 2, 2026

Market Swine, Sheep and Goats – July 2, 2026

EARTAG PICK UP AT MONTEREY COUNTY FAIR OFFICE

Market Beef – May 18-June 5

Market Swine, Sheep and Goats – July 20-August 7

ENTRY FEES – ALL ENTRIES DUE BY AUGUST 1ST 11:59 PM

Breeding Animals, Market Animals, and Meat Pens – \$10.00 per Entry

Individual Poultry and Individual Rabbits – \$2.00 per Head

Showmanship – \$10.00 per Specie

LATE ENTRY FEE – Due August 8 – \$150.00 Large Animals; \$50.00 Small Animals

4H AND FFA STILL ENTRIES RECEIVED

Sunday, August 30th, 2026, ~ 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Monterey Room (enter off Fairground Road)

PEN SET UP AND TACK DROP OFF

Sunday, August 30th, 2026, ~ 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Livestock Barns (enter through Gate 7)

LIVESTOCK RECEIVED AND IN PLACE

Tuesday, September 1st, 2026, 6:00 am – 5:00 pm

Livestock Barns (enter through Gate 6, gates close at 5pm)

OFFICIAL WEIGH IN

Tuesday, September 1st, 2026

ALL SPECIES – 5:00 PM

NON-MARKET ANIMALS RELEASED

Monday, September 7th, 2026, ~ 6:00am-11:00 AM

WALK OUT - TACK RELEASED

Monday, September 7th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM

AWARD SPONSOR AND AUCTION THANK YOU LETTERS DUE

Monday, September 7th, 2026, ~ 8:00 AM

Awards Breakfast ~ Seaside Room

AUCTION CHECKS RELEASED

Monday, September 28th, 2026, ~ 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Fair Administration Office

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.



JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

LIVESTOCK AREA

6:00 AM – 9:00 PM DAILY

LIVESTOCK OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

ALL SHOW DAYS MAY HAVE LUNCH BREAK FROM
12 PM – 1 PM IF NEEDED

Sunday, August 30th, 2026

8am–9:30am Rabbit & Poultry Arrival

10AM Junior Rabbit Show &
Junior Poultry Show

Tuesday, September 1st, 2026

6am–5PM Livestock Move-In

5PM –7PM Official Weigh-In

6PM Final Registration Check
(Livestock Office)

7:00 PM **MANDATORY MEETING**
Exhibitor/Parent/Leader
Meeting Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026

9 AM Junior Beef Show
4-H Market Steers
FFA Market Steers
Club/Chapter Groups
Bred & Fed – FFA & 4-H
Purebred Heifers
Commercial Heifers
4-H Showmanship
FFA Showmanship
Master Showmanship

Followed by Junior Swine Show
FFA Market Classes
4-H Market Classes
Bred & Fed – FFA & 4-H
Purebred Gilts
Commercial Gilts
FFA Showmanship
4-H Showmanship
Master Showmanship

Thursday, September 3rd, 2026

9AM Junior Goat Show
4-H Market Classes

FFA Market Classes
Club/Chapter Groups
Bred & Fed – FFA & 4-H
Wether Dam Does
4-H Showmanship
FFA Showmanship
Master Showmanship

followed by Junior Sheep Show

FFA Market Classes
4-H Market Classes
Club/Chapter Groups
Bred & Fed – FFA & 4-H
Purebred Ewes
Commercial Ewes
FFA Showmanship
4-H Showmanship
Master Showmanship

Friday, September 4th, 2026

9AM Junior Dairy Goat Show
4-H & FFA Breeding Classes

Club/Chapter Groups
4-H Showmanship
FFA Showmanship

Followed by Junior Dairy Cattle Show
4-H & FFA Breeding Classes
Club/Chapter Groups
4-H Showmanship
FFA Showmanship

Saturday, September 5th, 2026

10AM Junior Livestock Auction

Sunday, September 6th, 2026

9 AM Round Robin Contest
12PM Livestock Judging Contest
2pm Vegetable Judging Contest
3pm Pee Wee Showmanship
followed by Adult Showmanship

Monday, September 7th, 2026

8AM Awards Breakfast Ceremony
6AM –11AM Animal Load Out
10AM Walkout Tack

JUNIOR CATTLE

RECEIVING

September 1, 2026– 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN

September 1, 2026 – 5:00 PM–7:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Animals which have been registered by a purebred breed association cannot be entered in the Commercial Division.
2. **Min Weight:** 1,000lbs & **Max Weight:** 1,450lbs for Market Steers.
3. **MARKET BEEF LIMIT:** Only ONE (1) Market Beef Entry per Exhibitor allowed to show and sell at auction.
4. **BRED & FED:** Open to market steers and market heifers entered in the MCF Beef Show. This class is only for animals that were born, raised, and finished in Monterey County. Entries must show proof of being born, raised, and finished in Monterey County. Contestants need not own sire or dam of market animal but must show written proof or affidavit of purchase from a Monterey County producer stating where the calf was born and raised. FFA, 4-H, and Independents will show together, and animals judged must be MARKET READY to win class or place.
5. A Brand Inspection made out to exhibitor or an Out Billing from an Auction Sales Yard showing 120 days ownership must be presented. For an animal purchased from family or dropped by your own cow, a Yellow Slip must be presented. Proof of ownership must be shown at Mandatory Weigh-In and must be presented at scale before weighing at Fair.
6. All Market Beef MUST NOT have horns exceeding 2 inches.
7. 4-H and FFA Entries must each exceed 5 heads to be broken into separate divisions. Otherwise, both divisions will be shown together and broken into appropriate weight classes.
8. **No Premiums are offered for Market Beef classes.**
9. **CARCASS CONTEST:** All Market Beef sold through the MCF Junior Livestock Auction will be evaluated for the Carcass Contest.
10. **Showmanship is Mandatory** for all Livestock Market Animal Exhibitors.
11. An official uniform of the organization is required for all 4H and FFA Exhibitors while competing in all Divisions and while receiving awards during the 2026 Monterey County Fair.

PUREBRED BREEDING HEIFER AWARDS

Champion Purebred Female – Premium & Ribbon

Reserve Champion Purebred Female
– Premium & Ribbon

COMMERCIAL HEIFER AWARDS

Champion Commercial Female
– Premium & Ribbon

Reserve Champion Commercial Female
– Premium & Ribbon

MARKET STEER AWARDS

Grand & Reserve Grand Champion –
Buckle & Banner

4-H and FFA Champion & Reserve Champion
– Award & Banner

Bred & Fed Champion – Buckle & Banner

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS BREEDING CLASSES AND BRED & FED				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER SHOWMANSHIP CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS BEEF CARCASS				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$50	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20

PUREBRED HEIFERS

DIVISION 800 PUREBRED HEIFERS

- REGISTRATION PAPERS REQUIRED, SHOWN BY BIRTH DATE. CLASSES BROKE BY SUPERINTENDENT

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

DIVISION 801 COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

- COMMERCIAL HEIFERS WILL BE SHOWN BY BIRTH DATE. CLASSES BROKE BY SUPERINTENDENT

MARKET STEERS

DIVISION 802 FFA MARKET STEERS

DIVISION 803 4-H MARKET STEERS

DIVISION 804 BRED & FED MARKET BEEF

BEEF CARCASS CONTEST

*Division Awards Sponsored by:
The Monterey County Cattleman's Association*

CARCASS CONTEST RULES

1. Market Beef Carcasses will be graded at the meat packing company by USDA graders and the results are compiled in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service. To be eligible for awards, the carcass must have a minimum USDA quality grade. Results will be calculated for all steers/heifers entered.
2. Placings will be based on USDA yield and quality grades.
3. Ties in Carcass Index will be broken by dividing rib-eye area by hot carcass weight and carcasses ranked with higher values will be ranked first.
4. 4-H and FFA will be judged together.

SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 900 4-H BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 908 FFA BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS:

- 1) 4-H Novice
- 2) 4-H Junior
- 3) 4-H Senior
- 4) FFA Novice
- 5) FFA Senior

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

The 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

JUNIOR DAIRY GOATS

RECEIVING

September 1, 2026 – 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

RELEASED

September 7, 2026 – 6:00 AM–11:00 AM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Only animals with a "Certificate of Registry" (BLUE BORDER) issued by the American Dairy Goat Association and animals with a "Certificate of Registration of Purebred" issued by the American Goat Society are eligible.
2. Do NOT put milk in wash racks or drains.
3. No Bucks, No Kids, unless they are nursing. Nursing kids cannot be over 2 months of age.
4. All goats must be milked at 7:00 PM, September 1, 2026. Official milk out.
5. Exhibitors must check ORIGINAL registration papers with the Livestock Office by Tuesday, September 1 at 6:00 PM.
6. **GROUPS:** All owned by one exhibitor and entered as individuals. All animals in Group entry must be of one breed.
7. An official uniform of the organization is required for all 4H and FFA Exhibitors while competing in all Divisions and while receiving awards during the 2026 Monterey County Fair.

DAIRY GOAT AWARDS

Grand & Reserve Grand Champion
All Purebreds – Rosette

Grand & Reserve Grand Champion
Recorded Grade – Rosette

Best Doe in Show – Banner

Reserve Best Doe in Show – Banner

Senior Champion – Rosette

Junior Champion – Rosette

- 2) Senior Kid Jan. 1, 2026 – Apr. 15, 2026
- 3) Dry Yearling January–December, 2025
- 4) Yearling Milker January – December, 2025
- 5) 2 Years – Under 3 January – December, 2024
- 6) 3 Years – Under 5 Jan. 2022– Dec. 2023
- 7) 5 Years and Over Prior to January, 2022

GROUPS

- 8) Junior Get of Sire: (Not in Milk)
Three does sired by same buck
Senior yearling not in milk, or younger, bred by exhibitor
One entry by same buck per exhibitor
- 9) Get of Sire: Three does sired by same buck, at least one to be a yearling milker, or older in milk
One entry by same buck per exhibitor
- 10) Dam and Produce (one entry per exhibitor)
- 11) Produce of Dam:
Two does, produce of same doe
- 12) Dairy Herd: Three does in milk (one entry per exhibitor)

SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 902 4-H DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 910 FFA DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS:

- 1) 4-H Novice
- 2) 4-H Junior
- 3) 4-H Senior
- 4) FFA Novice
- 5) FFA Senior

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER BREEDING CLASS

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

PUREBRED AND RECORDED GRADE GOATS

DIVISION 805 ALL PUREBREDS

DIVISION 806 RECORDED GRADE

CLASS:

- 1) Junior Kid Apr. 16, 2026 – June 22, 2026

JUNIOR SWINE

RECEIVING

September 1, 2026 – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN

September 1, 2026 – 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All animals must arrive in show condition.
2. Water must always be available to hogs.
3. Hogs are only to be washed in Wash Racks.
4. 4-H and FFA Breeding classes will be judged together.
5. **Min Weight:** 210lbs & **Max Weight:** 280lbs for Market Hogs
6. Gilts entered in the Market Hog Divisions may not be entered into the Breeding Divisions or vice versa. Any violation of this rule will exclude the offending exhibitor from competition in all Departments of the Fair.
7. Market Hogs must have half an inch or more of hair.
8. Bred & Fed: Open to market hogs entered in the MCF Swine Show. This class is only for animals that were born, raised, and finished in Monterey County. Entries must show proof of being born, raised, and finished in Monterey County. Exhibitors need not own sire or dam of market animal but must show written proof or affidavit of purchase from a Monterey producer stating where the hog was born and raised. FFA, 4-H, and Independents will show together, and animals judged must be MARKET READY to win class or place.
9. Showmanship is Mandatory for all Livestock Market Animal Exhibitors.
10. Pre-entry for Bred & Fed is mandatory for anyone eligible and wishing to participate
11. Prop 12 Requirements: Each hog exhibitor exhibiting at the 2026 Monterey County Fair is required to upload a Prop 12 Certificate from your breeder no later than August 1. Exhibitors must submit/upload this document with ShoWorks entries.
12. An official uniform of the organization is required for all 4H and FFA Exhibitors while competing in all Divisions and while receiving awards during the 2026 Monterey County Fair.
13. **Registration Papers:** All purebred gilts must have registration papers. Registration papers must be transferred into the name of the exhibitor by the respective breed association by the day of the show. Joint ownership with siblings is permitted as long as the gilt is entered and exhibited solely in the name of one individual junior exhibitor and that exhibitor is one of the siblings listed on the registration paper issued by the breed association. Gilts with a farm, ranch, or non-sibling owner name listed as the owner will NOT be allowed to compete. Registration papers that are signed on the back by the respective breeder, but not officially transferred into the exhibitor's name by the breed association, will not be accepted. No pending papers.

Purebred Gilt Awards

Champion Purebred Female – Banner
Rese Champion Purebred Female – Banner

COMMERCIAL GILT AWARDS

Champion Commercial Female – Banner
Res Champion Commercial Female – Banner

MARKET HOG AWARDS

Grand & Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner
4-H and FFA Champion & Reserve Champion – Award & Banner
Bred & Fed – Buckle & Banner

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS BREEDING CLASSES AND BRED & FED				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER SHOWMANSHIP CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

PUREBRED BREEDING ANIMALS

DIVISION 807 PUREBRED GILTS

- **REGISTRATION PAPERS REQUIRED, SHOWN BY BIRTH DATE. CLASSES BROKE BY SUPERINTENDENT**

COMMERCIAL GILTS

DIVISION 808 COMMERCIAL GILTS

- **COMMERCIAL GILTS MUST BE WEIGHED, SHOWN BY WEIGHT. CLASSES BROKE BY SUPERINTENDENT**

MARKET HOGS

DIVISION 809 4-H MARKET HOGS

DIVISION 810 FFA MARKET HOGS

DIVISION 811 BRED & FED MARKET HOGS

SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 903 4-H SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 911 FFA SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS:

- 1) 4-H Novice
- 2) 4-H Junior
- 3) 4-H Senior
- 4) FFA Novice
- 5) FFA Senior

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

The 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

JUNIOR SHEEP

RECEIVING

September 1, 2026 – 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN

September 1, 2026 – 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ALL Sheep must have Scrapie Tags.
2. Muzzling of any animals is prohibited.
3. **MARKET LAMBS** must be clipped to have less than 1/4 inch of fleece at weigh in.
4. **Min Weight:** 105lbs & **Max Weight:** 160lbs for Market Lambs
5. Ewes entered in Market Lamb Divisions may not be entered in Breeding Divisions or vice versa. Any violation of this rule will exclude offending exhibitors from competition in all Departments of the Fair.
6. **BREEDING SHEEP:** PERMANENT EAR TAG OR TATTOO IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE SUBMITTED ON ONLINE ENTRY.
7. **BRED & FED:** Open to market lambs entered the MCF Sheep Show. The class is only for animals that were born, raised, and finished in Monterey County. Entries must show proof of being born, raised, and finished in Monterey County. Exhibitors need not own sire or dam of market animal but must show written proof or affidavit of purchase from a Monterey County producer stating where the lamb was born and raised. All exhibitors will show together, and animals judged must be MARKET READY to win a class or place.
8. Pre-entry for Bred & Fed is mandatory for anyone eligible and wishing to participate.
9. Showmanship is Mandatory for all Livestock Market Animal Exhibitors.
10. **CARCASS CONTEST:** All Market Lambs sold through the MCF Junior Livestock Auction will be evaluated for the Carcass Contest.
1. **Registration Papers:** All purebred sheep must be registered and recorded by a recognized breed association in the name of the exhibitor. Joint ownership with siblings only is permitted as long as the ewe is entered and exhibited solely in the name of one individual junior exhibitor and that exhibitor is one of the siblings listed on the registration paper issued by the breed association. Ewes with a farm, ranch, or non-sibling owner's name listed as the owner will NOT be allowed to compete. No pending papers will be accepted.
2. Sheep and Goats will remain haltered 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 ground for disqualification, by discretion of management.

BREEDING SHEEP AWARDS

Champion Purebred Ewe – Banner
Reserve Champion Purebred Ewe – Banner
Champion Commercial Ewe – Banner
Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe – Banner

MARKET LAMB AWARDS

Grand & Reserve Grand Champion –
Buckle and Banner
4-H & FFA Champion & Reserve Champion –
Award & Banner
Bred & Fed – Buckle and Banner

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS BREEDING SHEEP AND BRED & FED				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER SHOWMANSHIP CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

BREEDING SHEEP

DIVISION 812 PUREBRED EWES

- **REGISTRATION PAPERS REQUIRED, SHOWN BY BIRTH DATE. CLASSES BROKE BY SUPERINTENDENT**

DIVISION 813 COMMERCIAL EWES

- **COMMERCIAL EWES MUST BE WEIGHED, SHOWN BY WEIGHT. CLASSES BROKE BY SUPERINTENDENT**

MARKET LAMBS

DIVISION 814 4-H MARKET LAMBS

DIVISION 815 FFA MARKET LAMBS

DIVISION 816 BRED & FED MARKET SHEEP

SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 904 4-H SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 912 FFA SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS:

- 1) 4-H Novice
- 2) 4-H Junior
- 3) 4-H Senior
- 4) FFA Novice
- 5) FFA Senior

JUNIOR GOATS

RECEIVING

September 1, 2026 – 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN

September 1, 2026 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **MARKET GOATS** must be groomed and bathed and arrive in show condition.
2. **Min Weight:** 60lbs & **Max Weight:** 125lbs for Market Goats
3. Does entered in the Market Meat Goat Divisions may not be entered in the Breeding Divisions or vice versa. Any violation of this rule will exclude the offending exhibitor from competition in all Departments of the Fair.
4. All breeds will be judged together.
5. Goats must be disbudded or dehorned; no horns allowed.
6. Sheep and Goats will remain haltered across this scale. No slinkies, leg wraps or blankets are allowed across the scale.
7. 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 ground for disqualification, by discretion of management.
8. **BRED & FED:** Open to market goats entered in the MCF Market Goat Show. The class is only for animals that were born, raised, and finished in Monterey County. Entries must show proof of being born, raised, and finished in Monterey County. Exhibitors need not own sire or dam of market animal but must show written proof or affidavit of purchase from a Monterey County producer stating where the goat was born and raised. FFA, 4-H, and Independents will show together, and animals judged must be MARKET READY to win class or place.
9. **Showmanship is Mandatory** for all Livestock Market Animal Exhibitors.
10. Pre-entry for Bred & Fed is mandatory for anyone eligible and wishing to participate.

WETHER DAM DOE AWARDS

Champion Wether Dam Doe – Banner
Reserve Champion Wether Dam Doe – Banner

MARKET GOAT AWARDS

Grand & Reserve Grand Champion –
Buckle and Banner
4-H and FFA Champion & Reserve Champion
– Award & Banner
Bred & Fed – Buckle and Banner

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS BREEDING CLASSES AND BRED & FED

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

WETHER DAM DOES

DIVISION 817 WETHER DAM DOES

- **WETHER DAM DOES MUST BE WEIGHED, SHOWN BY WEIGHT. CLASSES BROKE BY SUPERINTENDENT**

MARKET GOATS

DIVISION 818 4-H MARKET GOAT

DIVISION 819 FFA MARKET GOAT

DIVISION 820 BRED & FED MARKET GOATS

SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 905 4-H MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 913 FFA MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS:

- 1) 4-H Novice
- 2) 4-H Junior
- 3) 4-H Senior
- 4) FFA Novice
- 5) FFA Senior

JUNIOR RABBITS

ONLINE ENTRY DUE

August 1, 2026

EXHIBITS RECEIVED (ENTER THROUGH GATE 6)

Sunday, August 30, 2026 – 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

MANDATORY PRE-SHOW MEETING AT 9:30 AM

SHOW BEGINS

Sunday, August 30, 2026 – 10:00 AM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This is an ARBA sanctioned show. Single Youth Rabbit Show. ARBA rules will be enforced and followed.
2. ARBA Sanction Number: YYA3491. Official American Rabbit Breeders Association Sanctioned Show, PO Box 400, Knox, PA 16232. www.arba.net. Membership dues are listed on the ARBA website. Note: ARBA membership is not required to enter the show; however, youth must be ARBA members in order to receive points.
3. Rabbits should be entered into classes based on weight and age according to ARBA guidelines. Animals will be shown and judged in classes recognized by ARBA and judged by a currently licensed ARBA judge.
4. ARBA sanctioned single youth show open to exhibitors residing in the State of California. Meat pen, pet class and showmanship entries are limited to exhibitors located in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties ONLY. See Junior Livestock Department Rules, Entry Information.
5. **Market Rabbits:** Limit of two (2) meat pen entries per Exhibitor. **Breed and Fur Rabbits:** Per State Rules, exhibitors may not earn more than two (2) cash prizes per class.
6. A Meat Pens shall consist of three (3) rabbits. No extra rabbits will be allowed onto the Fairgrounds to be added to a pen if the original pen does not meet weight requirements.
7. The Junior Market Rabbit Meat Pen show is a TERMINAL show for the Top 5 placing pens. The top 5 Rabbit Meat Pens selected by the judge shall remain on Fairgrounds and be sold during the Junior Livestock Auction.
8. Rules, definitions, and judging procedures as prescribed in the latest edition of the Guidebook and Standard of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. shall apply to all District and County Fair rabbit shows, provided they do not conflict with any rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Food and Agriculture.
9. Breed and Fur Rabbits must have a legible, permanent number, symbol, letter, or series of either or both tattooed in its left ear, which must correspond with those on the online entries.
10. Duplication of ear markings by one exhibitor in the same Breed and Class will not be allowed. Entries with duplicate ear numbers will have one of those rabbits eliminated. The entry fee will not be returned.
11. Breed and Fur Rabbits will be shown and judged in divisions recognized by the ARBA.
12. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to take the rabbit to the show table when the class is called for it to be judged. Exhibitors may be assisted by other eligible members showing at the 2026 Monterey County Fair.
13. The exhibitor is to check the show cards at the beginning of the Rabbit Show and report any discrepancies to the Show Secretary immediately. No changes will be allowed during the show. Substitutions can only be made within the same division, sex variety, and class. This must be received in writing five days prior to the show date.
14. Breed and Fur Rabbits: Pedigree papers or a Bill of Sale showing the required ownership period (30 days) may be used instead of a pedigree if ear number and other required entry information are shown on the Bill of Sale. This should be available on request on the day of the show.
15. It is the Exhibitor's sole responsibility to care for, feed, and water the rabbits.
16. Exhibitors shall maintain clean, dry bedding for their entries.
17. An Exhibitor participating in Junior Livestock Auction may purchase a Livestock Exhibitor Wristband for \$30.00. Exhibitors participating in Junior Livestock Auction are required to always have animals on grounds and are responsible for cleaning, feeding, and caring for these animals.
18. Showmanship is NOT Mandatory for rabbit exhibitors. Pre-entry is required for Showmanship if you choose to participate.
19. Pre-entry for Showmanship is Mandatory. Animal used in showmanship MUST belong to Exhibitor and be entered in one of the Breed and Fur Rabbits Divisions. Highest placing 4-H Junior, 4-H Senior, FFA Novice and FFA Senior showmen advance to Round Robin.
20. **PRIMARY LEVEL:** Must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2025, to exhibit at Fair. Youth must be a registered 4-H member. Ribbons only. No premiums. Primary Membership ends when a youth qualifies as Junior Member.
21. **ALL Junior Livestock Exhibitors** at Monterey County Fair **must** enter at least one (1) non-perishable non-livestock still project for exhibit in this year's Fair. All still projects must be entered 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.
22. An official uniform of the organization is required for all 4H and FFA Exhibitors while competing in all Divisions and while receiving awards during the 2026 Monterey County Fair.

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER SHOWMANSHIP CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

RABBIT MEAT PEN AWARDS
Grand & Reserve Grand Champion
Buckle & Banner

BREED AND FUR RABBIT AWARDS
Champion Lightweight – Banner
Champion Heavyweight – Banner
Best of Breed – Rosette
Best Fur – Rosette

BREED AND FUR SPECIAL AWARDS
Best of Show – Award & Banner
Best of Reserve – Award & Banner

RABBIT MEAT PENS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Follow all applicable Departmental and General rules.
2. **4-H and FFA Divisions will show together.**
3. **The Junior Market Rabbit Meat Pen show is a TERMINAL show for the Top 5 placing pens. The top 5 Rabbit Meat Pens selected by the judge shall remain on Fairgrounds and be sold during the Junior Livestock Auction.**
4. Exhibitors must enter at least one (1) non-livestock still project for exhibit in this year's Fair. See Junior Livestock Department Rules, Entry Information.
5. Limit two (2) meat pen entries per Exhibitor.
6. Market Rabbits minimum weight 3.5 lbs. each, maximum weight 5.5 lbs. each. Not over 70 days old.
7. All Market Rabbit breeds judged together. Each entry to be one breed and color.
8. Market Rabbit entries eligible for Auction must be clean or they will not be allowed to sell.

DIVISION 821 PEN OF MEAT RABBITS

CLASS:

- 1) Three Rabbits, One Breed

BREED AND FUR RABBITS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Follow all applicable Department rules.
2. This will be a ONE DAY carrying cage show.
3. Specify Breed in online entry.
4. All entries to the Fur & Wool Division must be entered in an appropriate Lightweight or Heavyweight Division to be accepted for competition.

DIVISION 822 LIGHTWEIGHT RABBITS

All recognized lightweight rabbit breeds are eligible. Please specify the breed and variety on your entry. Use TAG ID for tattoo information.

CLASS:

- 1) Sr Buck-6 months of age and older,
- 2) Sr Doe-6 months of age and older
- 3) Jr Buck-Under 6 months of age
- 4) Jr Doe -Under 6 months of age

DIVISION 823 HEAVYWEIGHT RABBITS

All recognized heavyweight rabbit breeds are eligible. Please specify the breed and variety on your entry. Use TAG ID for tattoo information.

CLASS:

- 1) Senior Buck 8 months of age and older
- 2) Senior Doe 8 months of age and older
- 3) Intermediate Buck 6 months and under 8 months
- 4) Intermediate Doe 6 months and under 8 months
- 5) Junior Buck Under 6 months of age
- 6) Junior Doe Under 6 months of age

DIVISION 824 FUR & WOOL**CLASS:**

- 1) Any Other
- 2) Rex, All Colors
- 3) Satin Fur, All Colors
- 4) Wool

DIVISION 825 PET RABBIT

Provide breed(s) and variety on entry. Use Tag ID for tattoo information. Only one entry per exhibitor - These animals can NOT be entered in the ARBA show. This Division awards ribbons only.

CLASS:

- 1) Exhibitors ages 5-8
- 2) Exhibitors ages 9-11
- 3) Exhibitors ages 12 and older

SHOWMANSHIP

(SHOW ORDER: PRIMARY, FFA AND 4H)

DIVISION 907 4-H RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**DIVISION 915 FFA RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP****CLASS:**

- 1) 4-H Novice
- 2) 4-H Junior
- 3) 4-H Senior
- 4) FFA Novice
- 5) FFA Senior

DIVISION 916 4-H PRIMARY SHOWMANSHIP

No Entry Fee, No Cash Awards

CLASS:

- 2) Rabbits

JUNIOR POULTRY

OPEN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ONLINE ENTRY DUE

August 1, 2026

COOP IN & HEALTH INSPECTION

August 30, 2026 – 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
(enter through Gate 6)

SHOW BEGINS

August 30, 2026 – 10:00 AM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Rules, definitions, and judging procedure as prescribed in the latest edition of the *Official Show Rules and the Standard of Perfection* of the American Poultry Association, Inc., shall apply to the Monterey County Fair Poultry Show except in such instances where they conflict with rules and regulations prescribed by State and Local Rules listed in this Guidebook.
2. Birds will be shown and judged in the proper Division and Class for breed, variety, age, and sex only. If no Class is offered, no awards may be made.
3. Monterey County Fair remains committed to hosting a quality Poultry Exhibition. Health checks are mandated by the Division of Fairs & Expositions and will be performed by certified Poultry Health Inspectors (PHI) from one of the designated CDFA/UC Certification Programs.
 - The PHI will evaluate the health and condition of every bird entered. As a result, coop in times may be delayed.
 - Look for signs as you enter the Fairgrounds as to where to take your bird(s) for the examination—do not proceed to the Poultry Barn until your bird(s) have been examined.
 - Make sure you carefully examine each bird before you leave home and follow your regular cleaning procedures.
 - Any birds that show signs of illness, stress, or are not in top quality condition will not be allowed to enter the show.
 - Birds with wing feathers or any other feathers that have been clipped or trimmed will be disqualified.
4. For all classes of Standard-Bred chickens and ducks, all birds must be identified by leg bands or wing bands conforming with the online entry on arrival at the show. No changes will be made on the day of Judging.
5. Substitutions can only be made within a division.
6. It is not mandatory that a first-place award be given if there is no entry in the Class or Division worthy of such placing.
7. All birds are entered at the owner's risk. The Fair and its management are not responsible for any thefts or injuries that may occur to the birds.
8. If a division does not have at least 10 entries, it may be combined with another division and judged as one.
9. All entries must be checked by the Show Superintendent before cooping in.
10. If there are more than 10 entries of the same breed a separate division will be created and judged.
11. Definitions of Classes:
 - **COCK OR OLD DRAKE** – Male 1 year or older
 - **HEN OR OLD DUCK** – Female 1 year or older
 - **COCKEREL OR YOUNG DRAKE** – Male under 1 year
 - **PULLET OR YOUNG DUCK** – Female under 1 year
12. **Showmanship is NOT Mandatory for poultry exhibitors.** Pre-entry is required for Showmanship if you choose to participate.
13. **PRIMARY LEVEL:** Must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2025, to exhibit at Fair. Primary Membership ends when youth qualify as Junior Members.
14. All animals must be clean and dry. Breeding animals must have a minimum of work done, clean and fitted in show condition, prior to health inspection.
15. Official uniform of the organization is required for all 4H and FFA Exhibitors while competing in all Divisions and while receiving awards during the 2026 Monterey County Fair.

Special Awards

Show Champion – Award & Rosette

Reserve Show Champion – Award & Rosette

Award per Specie

Champion – Rosette

Reserve Champion – Rosette

Best of Division – Rosette

Reserve of Division – Rosette

1st through 3rd Place – Ribbons

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER SHOWMANSHIP CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

LARGE FOWL

DIVISION 832 AMERICAN

Buckeye, Chantecler, Delaware, Dominique, Holland, Java, Jersey Giant, Lamona, New Hampshire, Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red, Rhode Island White, and Wyandotte

DIVISION 833 ASIATIC

Brahma, Cochin, and Langshan

DIVISION 834 ENGLISH

Australorp, Cornish, Dorking, Orpington, Redcap, and Sussex

DIVISION 835 MEDITERRANEAN

Ancona, Andalusian, Buttercup, Catalina, Leghorn, Minorca, Sicilian, and Spanish

DIVISION 836 CONTINENTAL

Barnvelder, Campine, Crevecoeur, Faverolle Hamburg, Houdan, La Fleche, Lakenvelder, Polish, and Welsummer

DIVISION 837 ALL OTHER STANDARD BREEDS

Modern Game, Old English Game, Sumatra, Malay, Cubalaya, Phoenix, Yokohama, Aseel, Shamo, Sultan, Naked Neck, Araucana, and Ameraucana

DIVISION 838 NON-STANDARD LARGE FOWL

CLASS:

- 3) Cock
- 4) Hen
- 5) Cockerel
- 6) Pullet

BANTAMS

DIVISION 839 MODERN GAME

DIVISION 840 OLD ENGLISH & AMERICAN GAME

DIVISION 841 SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEG

Ancona, Andalusian, Australorp, Campine, Catalana, Delaware, Dorking, Frizzle, Holland, Japanese, Java, Jersey Giant, Junglefowl, Lakenvelder, Lamona, Minorca, Naked Neck, Nankin, New Hampshire, Orpington, Phoenix, Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red, Serama, Spanish Sussex, and Leghorn

DIVISION 842 ROSE COMB CLEAN LEG

Ancona, Antwerp Belgian D'Anvers, Dominique, Dorking, Hamburg, Leghorn, Minorca, Nankin, Redcap, Rhode Island Red, Rhode Island White, Rosecomb, Seabright, and Wyandotte

DIVISION 843 ALL OTHER COMB CLEAN LEG

Ameraucana, Araucana, Buckeye, Chantecler, Cornish, Crevecoeur, Cubalaya, Houdan, Le Fleche, Malay, Polish, Shamo, Sicilian Buttercup, Sumatra, Yokohama, and Ko Shamo

DIVISION 844 FEATHER LEG

Brahma, Booted, Cochin, D'uccle, Faverolle, Fizzle, Langshan, Silkie, and Sultan

DIVISION 845 NON-STANDARD BANTAMS

CLASS:

- 7) Cock
- 8) Hen
- 9) Cockerel
- 10) Pullet

DUCKS

DIVISION 846 HEAVY

Peking, Aylesbury, Rouen, Muscovy, Appleyard, and Saxony

DIVISION 847 MEDIUM

Cayuga, Crested, Swedish and Buff

DIVISION 848 LIGHT

Runner, Campbell, Magpie, and Welsh Harlequin

DIVISION 849 BANTAM

Call, East, India, Mallard, Mandarin, and Wood Duck

DIVISION 850 NON-STANDARD DUCK

CLASS:

- 11) Old Drake
- 12) Old Duck
- 13) Young Drake
- 14) Young Duck

GEESE

DIVISION 851 HEAVY

African, Embden and Toulouse

DIVISION 852 MEDIUM

American Buff, Saddleback Pomeranian, Pilgrim, and Sebastopol

DIVISION 853 LIGHT

Chinese, Canada, Egyptian and Tufted Roman

DIVISION 854 NON-STANDARD GESE

CLASS:

- 15) Old Gander
- 16) Old Goose
- 17) Young Gander
- 18) Young Goose

TURKEYS

DIVISION 855 STANDARD

Black, Bourbon Red, Beltsville Small White, Bronze, Narragansett, White Holland, and Palm

DIVISION 856 NON-STANDARD TURKEYS

CLASS:

- 19) Old Tom
- 20) Old Hen
- 21) Young Tom
- 22) Young Hen

MARKET BROILERS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries limited to exhibitors located in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties ONLY. See Junior Livestock Department Rules, Entry Information, Rule 3.
2. Exhibitors must enter at least one (1) non-livestock still project for exhibit in this year's Fair. See Junior Livestock Department Rules, Entry Information, Rule 4.
3. Limit two (2) meat pen entries per Exhibitor.
4. A meat pen shall consist of two (2) broilers. No extra meat birds will be allowed onto the Fairgrounds to be added to a pen if original pen does not make weight. Absolutely no re-weighs.
5. Specific weight groups will be determined after weigh-in, same as in other species. Minimum weight of 4 lbs. with a maximum weight of 9 lbs.
6. The Junior Market Rabbit Meat Pen show is a TERMINAL show for the Top 5 placing pens. The top 5 Rabbit Meat Pens selected by the judge shall remain on Fairgrounds and be sold during the Junior Livestock Auction.
7. Exhibitors will be responsible for feeding and watering their entries.
8. Exhibitors will be responsible for maintaining clean and dry bedding for their entries.
9. Entries eligible for auction must be clean or they will not be allowed to sell.

Poultry Meat Pen Awards

Grand & Reserve Grand Champion –
Buckle & Banner

Weight & Reserve Weight Champion –
Rosette

DIVISION 857 PEN OF MARKET BROILERS

CLASS:

- 1) Market Broilers

SHOWMANSHIP

(SHOW ORDER: PRIMARY, FFA AND 4H)

DIVISION 906 4-H POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 914 FFA POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS:

- 1) 4-H Novice
- 2) 4-H Junior
- 3) 4-H Senior
- 4) FFA Novice
- 5) FFA Senior

DIVISION 916 4-H PRIMARY SHOWMANSHIP

No Entry Fee, No Cash Awards

CLASS:

- 1) Poultry

JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE

RECEIVING

September 1, 2026 – 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

RELEASED

September 7, 2026 – 6:00 AM-11:00 AM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Animals registered by a purebred breed association cannot be entered in the Unregistered Division.
2. FFA and 4-H are to be judged together.
3. This department is open to Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties only.
4. **GROUPS:** All owned by one exhibitor and entered as individuals. All animals in Group entry must be of one breed.
5. Official uniform of the organization is required for all 4H and FFA Exhibitors while competing in all Divisions and while receiving awards during the 2026 Monterey County Fair.

Dairy Cattle Awards

Grand Champion Female – Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Female –Banner
Junior Champion & Reserve Bull –
Premium & Ribbon
Junior & Senior Champion & Reserve Female –
Premium & Ribbon
Champion & Reserve Grade –
Premium & Ribbon

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER BREEDING CLASS				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER SHOWMANSHIP CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

REGISTERED PUREBRED BREEDING ANIMALS

DIVISION 858 FFA AND 4-H ALL BREEDS

CLASS:

BULLS

- 1) Jr. & Sr. Calves Sept. 2025 thru April 2026
- 2) Jr. & Sr. Yearling June 2024 thru Aug 2025

FEMALES (DATE OF CALVING)

- 3) Junior Calf Jan. 2026 thru April 2026
- 4) Senior Calf Sept. 2025 thru Dec. 2025
- 5) Summer Yearling Jun. 2025 thru Aug. 2025
- 6) Jr. Yearling Mar. 2025 thru May 2025
- 7) Winter Yearling Dec. 2024 thru Feb. 2025
- 8) Sr. Yearling June 2024 thru Nov. 2024
- 9) 2 Years under 3 June 2023 thru May 2024
- 10) 3 Years under 4 June 2022 thru May 2023
- 11) 4 Years under 5 June 2021 thru May 2022
- 12) Aged Cow Prior to June 2021

GROUPS

- 13) Pair of Females – owned by exhibitor
- 14) Daughter/Dam – a daughter and dam of any age
- 15) Produce of Dam–Two animals, any age, either sex, product of one cow
- 16) Young Herd:
One bull, two heifers, senior yearlings or younger
- 17) Get of Sire – Three animals: get of same bull.
- 18) Dairy Herd: Three cows which must have freshened at least once.

UNREGISTERED PUREBRED GRADE OR CROSSBRED BY PUREBRED SIRE

DIVISION 859 FFA & 4-H ALL BREEDS (FEMALES)

CLASS:

- 1) Calf Sept. 2025 thru April 2026
- 2) Junior Yearling Mar. 2025 – Aug. 2025
- 3) Senior Yearling June 2024 – Feb. 2025
- 4) 2 Years – Under 3 May 2023 thru May 2024
- 5) 3 Years & Over Prior to May, 2023

SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 901 4-H DAIRY CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 909 FFA DAIRY CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS:

- 1) 4-H Novice
- 2) 4-H Junior
- 3) 4-H Senior
- 4) FFA Novice
- 5) FFA Senior

SPECIAL CONTESTS

ROUND ROBIN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026, AT 9:00 AM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Superintendents and staff may use any animal they see fit for Round Robin. Exhibitors/Parents/Advisor/Leaders' willingness to use animals is expected and required.
2. **Only 4H Junior, 4H Senior, FFA Novice and FFA Senior divisions are eligible to compete in Round Robin.**
3. These classes are open to the first place FFA and 4-H Showmanship winners of each Livestock Division of Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Poultry, and Rabbits. If the first-place winner in 4-H Junior Showmanship wins first place in 4-H Senior Showmanship, the exhibitor will have the option to enter Senior Round Robin. If first place winner does not enter or chooses not to participate, second place can go into Round Robin.
4. Each participant will show all four (4) species – Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats.
5. If Showman wins in a specie and they are the only showman, it is mandatory they show for that specie in Round Robin.
6. Participant must provide their own equipment i.e., cane, show stick, etc.
7. Only 4-H and FFA exhibitors from Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties are eligible.
8. Any contestant suspected of misconduct will be immediately disqualified by management.
9. An official uniform of the organization is required for all 4H and FFA Exhibitors while competing in all Divisions and while receiving awards during the 2026 Monterey County Fair.

ROUND ROBIN AWARDS

1st Place – Buckle

2nd and 3rd Place – Ribbons

CLUB/CHAPTER GROUPS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Club/Chapter Group** of three animals must be owned by members of a single Club or Chapter. **Entries are limited to one (1) group entry per Club or Chapter.**
2. **Mixed Club/Chapter Group** is when there are less than three animals entered for specific Club/Chapter. Members can then ask other Club/Chapter members to assist in making up a group.
3. NO ENTRY FEES. NO PREMIUMS AWARDED.
4. **MUST PRE-ENTER BY ENTRY DEADLINE. NO ENTRIES WILL BE EXCEPTED AT THE SHOW**

CLUB/CHAPTER GROUP AWARDS

1st Place – Banner

2nd and 3rd Place – Ribbons

- 4-H Beef Cattle
- 4-H Sheep
- 4-H Meat Goats
- FFA Beef Cattle
- FFA Sheep
- FFA Meat Goats

PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP

Hosted By: MCF Junior Fair Board

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026, AT 3:00 PM

Located in the Main Livestock Show Ring

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Registration required for participation.**
2. This division is open to ages 5 and under, and ages 6 to 9 years (children who are 9 years old and not currently enrolled in the 4-H Program are eligible).
3. Classes will include Swine, Sheep, and Market Goat Showmanship only.
4. Each Pee Wee Swine, Sheep, and Goat Showman must make arrangements to show an animal provided by a current MCF exhibitor. A Pee Wee Showman must make the arrangements to show an animal entered in the Fair prior to Pee Wee Showmanship. Participants must have the necessary show equipment.
5. Pee Wee showmen should not be in a uniform. Open-toed shoes are not allowed.
6. Pee Wee showman may only show one specie.
7. Pee Wee Showmanship will be judged by 4-H and FFA exhibitors.
8. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Sunday, September 6th by 12:00 PM.

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PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

1st – Buckle

2nd and 3rd Place – Rosettes

All Other Exhibitors – Participation Ribbons

SPECIES

Sheep, Goats, and Swine

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The 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

ADULT SHOWMANSHIP

Hosted By: MCF Junior Fair Board

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026

FOLLOWING PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP

Located in the Main Livestock Show Ring

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2. This division is open to ages 19 years and older (anyone currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA Programs are ineligible).
3. Judges will be Senior Showmanship winners.
4. No abuse of animals or judges will be tolerated.
5. Animals can be attired or decorated as long as animals can be restored to their normal appearance after the contest (NO glitter permitted).
6. No abuse of other showmen in the ring will be tolerated.
7. No grain or hay in the ring.
8. Showman will supply animal and equipment for show.
9. Classes of animals are one class each of Swine, Sheep, Beef, and Market Goats.
10. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Saturday, September 5th by 8:00 PM.

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ADULT SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

1st through 3rd Place – Rosettes

FFA AND 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026 AT 12:00 PM

LIVESTOCK SHOW RING

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Each judging contest participant at Monterey County Fair must comply with the following rules:
 - Must be a member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
 - A **Novice** Judge will be any individual who has not participated in a previous Livestock Judging contest.
 - A **Senior** Judge applies to any individual who has previously participated in Livestock Judging.
2. A judging Team shall consist of three (3) members from the same FFA Chapter or 4-H Club.
3. The contest is open to any FFA or 4-H member who wishes to judge on an individual basis. Participants are NOT required to be Fair Exhibitors.
4. Participants sign up in Livestock Office.
5. There will be at least six (6) classes judged, consisting of at least one (1) class in each of the following: Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goats.
 - All contestants shall be allowed ten (10) minutes for placing each class.
 - Oral reasons will be given. Contestants will be given two (2) minutes for each set of reasons.
6. Reasons will be used as a Tie Breaker.
7. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Saturday, September 5th by 8:00 PM

LIVESTOCK JUDGING AWARDS

AWARDS PER 4-H & FFA TEAM

- 1st Place Team – 3 Blue Ribbons + Award
- 2nd Place Team – 3 Red Ribbons
- 3rd Place Team – 3 White Ribbons

AWARDS PER 4-H & FFA INDIVIDUALS

- 1st High Senior Individual – Buckle
- 1st High Novice Individual – Award

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FFA AND 4-H VEGETABLE JUDGING CONTEST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026, AT 2:00 PM

LIVESTOCK EVENT CENTER

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Participants sign up in Livestock Office.
2. There is no limit to the number of contestants that may enter from any one Chapter or Club.
3. Individual members may compete even if there are less than three (3) individuals from any one Chapter or Club.
4. The highest three (3) scores from each Club/Chapter's participants will be used to calculate Team honors.
5. A **Novice** Judge will be any individual who has not participated in a previous Vegetable Judging contest.
6. A **Senior** Judge applies to any individual who has previously participated in Vegetable Judging.
7. There will be no oral reasons given.
8. Official placing and I.D. answers will be given at the end of the contest.
9. Ties will be broken by Tie Breakers in the I.D. section.
10. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Saturday, September 5th by 8:00 PM

VEGETABLE JUDGING AWARDS

AWARDS PER 4-H & FFA TEAM

- 1st Place Team – 3 Blue Ribbons + Award
- 2nd Place Team – 3 Red Ribbons
- 3rd Place Team – 3 White Ribbons

AWARDS PER 4-H & FFA INDIVIDUALS

- 1st High Senior Individual – Buckle
- 1st High Novice Individual – Award

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CLEAN BARN AWARD

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Purpose: to encourage exhibitors in the livestock area (you) to maintain a clean, presentable, safe display of animals for the public and exhibitors themselves.
2. All exhibits will be judged. We encourage your participation. The judge will report all exhibits not maintained to the livestock office.
3. Judging will take place twice daily between 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Unannounced visits can occur anytime the judge feels necessary. Times to be judged will not be announced. All scores must be ready by Monday AM.
4. The judge will be made aware of show times and weigh schedules, but all areas will be judged daily. The public comes every day, as you do, and deserves a neat, presentable, safe area.
5. FFA and 4-H Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep and Goat exhibits are eligible.
6. 100 points total per day can be earned. Overall the Fair winner will be the Club and Chapter with the highest five-day total for each specie.
7. FFA and 4-H will be judged separately. Club/Chapter displays are part of clean barn. All decorations and displays will be installed and constructed by exhibitors. Parents are to supervise only.
8. On the judging score card General Appearance is just that. The general eye appeal of the area. Identifications include signs, stall cards, and any other identifying marks. Condition of Animals - pigs and sheep should be in their respective pens. Beef and dairy should be securely tied in the barn.
9. Scores will be posted daily as soon as possible after judging.
10. All judges' decisions are final.
12. There shall be no hassling of the judges by the parents, leaders, or exhibitors during or after judging. Clubs or chapters who don't respect this rule will be automatically disqualified from the competition.
13. Winners will be announced at the Awards Breakfast on Monday at 9:00 AM.
14. If pens are not identifiable as to which chapter or club they belong, they will not be judged.
15. No entry is required.
16. Clubs and chapters are encouraged to include an educational display as part of their presentation.

SCORECARD FOR CLEAN BARN AWARD

1. CLEANLINESS OF ALLEYS & STALLS OR PENS.....	40%
• Bedding adequate, bright, dry, clean in place	
Animals are securely tied or penned.	
Feed boxes in front of animals only at feeding time.	
Manure hauled out - deposited in proper place.	
Watering points and drains kept clean.	
2. CLEANLINESS OF ALLEYS AND WALKWAY.....	20%
• Alleys raked clean, free of straw and debris.	
3. ARRANGEMENT OF EXHIBIT.....	10%
• Exhibit lined up in an attractive manner.	
Large, objectionable boxes out of the way.	
Hay and straw or shavings neat and orderly.	
Feedboxes and tack in area provided.	
4. APPEARANCE OF ANIMALS.....	15%
5. STALL CARDS.....	5%
Readable from alley and neatly arranged.	
6. DECORATIONS.....	10%
Attractive, Educational	
TOTAL	100%

CLEAN BARN AWARDS

AWARDS PER SPECIE

1st Place Team - Gift Card



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2004 Fairground Road
Monterey, CA 93940

2026 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT & PARENT/LEADER/ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT

REQUIRED FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

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This Code of Conduct was developed by the 7th District Agricultural Association (DAA), who operates under the auspices of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs and Expositions, for the primary purpose of producing the annual Monterey County Fair.

The Code of Conduct is further enhanced with additional rules and regulations, including the State Rules.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT (PART I)

POLICIES FOR EXHIBITOR CONDUCT

1. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is **PROHIBITED**.
2. Exhibitors shall use respectful language. No foul or abusive language or gestures will be tolerated.
3. All Junior Livestock Exhibitors shall take responsibility for caring and grooming for his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be intended to help the exhibitor learn and gain new skills. All Exhibitors can be assisted by immediate family members and other active 4H/FFA members, eligible to show at the 2026 MCF. The Fair's designated Livestock Species Superintendent will oversee barns and enforce all rules.
4. Exhibitors acknowledge that the Monterey County Fair Junior Livestock Auction is a **TERMINAL SALE**, all Market Acceptable/Market Ready animals judged will be sold through the auction.
5. Possession of any weapon or illegal drugs on the Fairgrounds is prohibited.
6. Possession of alcohol or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the Fairgrounds, and/or being under the influence by any underage exhibitor (minor) on the Fairgrounds is prohibited.
7. Use of fireworks or sparklers is prohibited on the Fairgrounds. Smoking or vaping of any kind is allowed only in the designated location on the Fairgrounds and not allowed by any underage exhibitors.
8. Any exhibitor whose conduct jeopardizes the health and safety of another exhibitor, animal, or the public, will be immediately expelled from further participation in the 2026 Monterey County Fair and possibly future fairs. The exhibitor and their animal(s) are to be removed from the grounds immediately and lose the opportunity to show and sell his/her animal(s) through the Junior Livestock Auction. Health or Safety issues include, but are not limited to, actions involving weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, or fireworks, as mentioned in items 5-7 above, and not caring for, i.e. feeding and watering, the exhibitor's animal project.
9. If animal(s) have been sold in the Junior Livestock Auction and Rule 8 needs to be enforced the animals will remain on the grounds.

POLICIES FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT

1. Any effort to artificially change the conformation or appearance of an animal by treating the animal, internally or externally, with any irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance is considered unethical, inhumane, and is prohibited. Treatments that are prohibited include, but are not limited to, the use of artificial hair coloring (sprays, etc.), excessive use of common products such as fly spray, ointments or liniments, or other similar products. Excessive use is defined as the use of a substance to the point that it irritates the animal. For reference, livestock can be fit with livestock show supply spray paint from the knees and hocks down. Cattle may have livestock show supply spray paint applied to tail heads, tails, and tail switches.
2. Adding false hair or hair-like material, fleece, or skin to any portion of the animal's body is not allowed and will result in immediate disqualification. Causing the animal to ingest any liquid or substance not considered part of an accepted and normal livestock diet, or in quantities not considered normal for livestock, is deemed illegal and inhumane. For example: the use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages as a drench or filler.
3. The use of tranquilizers, sedatives, or depressants, which alter the physical or physiological state of the animal, is not allowed. Exceptions to this rule would be a California Licensed Certified Veterinarian's treatment for recognized disease or injury, or recommendation for tranquilizing breeding animals in heat that might compromise the safety of others. The Livestock Office must receive notification from the Licensed Certified Veterinarian of the details of any such prescribed treatment in writing. The substance used in this treatment must have been approved by The Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals.
4. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to feed, water and care for any animal they have entered in the Fair throughout the entire Livestock Show, including any period following the sale of the animal prior to the end of the Show/Fair (with exception of dates in Section 1, Policy 4). **All market animals must be cared for and are the responsibility of the exhibitor until 5:00 pm on Monday, September 7, 2026.**
5. Any animal that appears ill or injured while at the Fairgrounds must be reported to the livestock office. A veterinarian must check any animal considered unhealthy. If it is determined that the animal is carrying a communicable disease, the animal will be removed from the Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds will not assume the cost for this action. The exhibitor must assume the full expense of the veterinarian's services.
6. Any animal that is determined to be unmanageable, or could be a safety hazard to the public, will be removed

from the Fairgrounds. The Livestock Superintendent/Fair Management makes this decision final.

7. It is considered abuse to excessively shrink or excessively exercise an animal.
8. Other than to reduce higher than normal body temperature of an animal that is overheated, ice is not to be applied to the body of an animal. Ice in a bucket of water is permitted. No cooling devices, electrical stimulation tools or shockers may be used. Ice used to cool down the body temperature of a hog is acceptable.
9. Physical abuse of an animal will not be tolerated. For example: when moving hogs, care should be taken not to excessively beat or hit an animal (either by a person or with an object).
10. For the safety of the animal and the public, animals are not to be left unattended on fitting tables or in blocking chutes.
11. All lambs and goats must be shown with their front feet on the ground as practiced by acceptable showmanship procedures. If this policy is not followed, the judge may ask the exhibitor to leave the ring.
12. During animal weigh-in, while at the scale, or any time during the Fair or on arrival times, all sheep and goats will be checked for any infectious disease, open sores, abscesses, injury, parasites, or any unhealthy condition. Those animals determined to have an infectious disease will be asked to immediately leave the fairgrounds. For example: animals found to have live active Ringworm, or active Sore Mouth will be asked to leave the fairgrounds. It is strongly suggested that the health of each animal be evaluated prior to coming to the Fair. The Fair Association is not responsible for any costs associated with the transfer or care of these animals.
13. Exhibitors should remember that the cost of the junior livestock programs are offset in part by the general public, therefore the livestock area needs to be presentable at all times. All livestock stalls/pens must be cleaned out daily before 8:00 AM and exhibitors should make every effort to keep the barns clean at all times for the public.
14. Exhibitors shall be responsible for the security of their animals in stalls or pens. All beef cattle and dairy cattle shall be securely tied with a neck rope in addition to a suitable halter. All sheep, goat, and swine pens shall be securely closed and fastened before the exhibitor leaves the barn area. Please do not put padlocks on any gates or pens.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF EXHIBIT POLICIES

1. If any violation of policy occurs prior to the junior livestock auction, the exhibitor will not be allowed to sell his/her animal.
2. If the violation occurs after the Junior Livestock Auction, the exhibitor will receive only market resale value (as determined the day of the auction) for the animal. Any remaining money paid by the buyer in purchasing the animal through the auction will be placed into a general scholarship fund or put towards educational purposes at the Fair. The buyer will receive the animal.
3. If it is determined that an exhibitor has violated the Fair's Code of Conduct or other exhibit policies, the exhibitor will be removed from the grounds and may not exhibit livestock at the following year's fair. For example: An exhibitor who violates a rule and is removed from the grounds in 2026 will not be allowed to exhibit livestock at the 2026 Fair. The exhibitor may then request in writing to exhibit livestock at the 2027 Fair. This request will be reviewed by the Board of Directors prior to an official entry being accepted.
4. Direction shall be focused more on the exhibitors excelling in leadership, education, and citizenship with their livestock projects.

5. Minor violations of exhibit conduct, not involving health or safety concerns, may be given one (1) verbal warning. This verbal warning will be documented and noted by a signature from the exhibitor and Livestock Superintendent or Fair Management. On the second violation, the exhibitor will be asked to leave the fairgrounds, and any awards and/or auction check will be withheld.

ELIGIBLE ENTRIES

1. All 4-H, FFA and Independent entries must be submitted online and must have an electronic approval as designated by management. Entries also must have electronic approval by the exhibitor, his/her parent or guardian, and leader/advisor.
2. All Code of Conduct Agreement Forms must be signed by exhibitors and their parent/guardian to be considered eligible.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

The auction is a privilege, not a right. You are producing a product that will enter the food chain. The Fair's goal is not only to provide a seller with an avenue to sell, but also provide a consumer/buyer with quality, healthy, produced products from knowledgeable and responsible producers.

1. Every market animal exhibitor at Monterey County Fair is required to complete a Declaration of Animal Medication prior to selling an animal at the Junior Livestock Auction. Animals will not be eligible to sell if the Medication Form is not completed and properly signed.
2. Exhibitors, as owner of their market animals, acknowledge that they will be responsible for their animal if rejected at a harvesting plant due to the presence of drug or other residue. If drug or other residue is detected, the exhibitor understands that he/she may be liable to the buyer and/or Fair for an amount equal to three (3) times the purchase price and may also be liable for any attorney's fees and civil penalties.

SELLER'S RESPONSIBILITY

1. All animals must follow the sale order as determined and compiled by Fair staff. Failure of the exhibitor to be present and ready to enter the ring with their animal will automatically disqualify the exhibitor from the sale.
2. No advertisement will be permitted on animals. Do not ask the auctioneer for special announcements. Adornments are permitted on Champion and Reserve Champion Market animals only. No exceptions.
3. All exhibitors must write Thank You letters to their auction buyers and turn them in at the Exhibitor's Awards Breakfast on Monday, September 7th.
4. Exhibitors selling livestock through the Auction are solely responsible for feeding, watering, and general well-being of their own animals until the animals are loaded onto trucks for transport.
5. No parent, leader/advisor or exhibitor shall contact buyers for the purpose of purchasing, re-purchasing or giving back an auctioned animal.

CONDEMNED CARCASS

1. In the case of a condemned carcass due to drug or chemical contamination, contagious disease, or sign of genetic disease syndrome exhibitors will forfeit earnings and all premiums and pay all costs associated with expenses.

SOLICITATION OF BUYERS/NON-SALE MARKET ANIMALS

1. Absolutely no "For Sale" signs will be allowed in the barn area. Any exhibitor found soliciting buyers for non-sale market animals before or during the Auction will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by Fair Management.

PARENT/ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT (PART II)

As a Parent or Guardian of a Livestock Exhibitor at the Monterey County Fair, you are expected to adhere to the following Code of Conduct. Failure to do so will jeopardize the participation of your club, the exhibitors, your child, or any member of your family.

1. As a Leader/Advisor or parent, I acknowledge that the child must demonstrate his or her ownability, knowledge, and skill as an exhibitor of show animals, and that the assistance of an adult in the washing, grooming, fitting, or showing of his or her animal while at the Fair is prohibited. Verbal assistance by an adult is acceptable.
2. As a Leader/Advisor or parent, I acknowledge that direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is PROHIBITED. All judges, Fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and as a Leader/Advisor or Parent I will not allow any person connected with my exhibitor's or child's animal project to direct abusive or threatening conduct toward any show official.
3. Leader/Advisor and Parents shall use respectful language. No foul or abusive language or gestures will be tolerated in the Livestock Area or on the fairgrounds.
4. Possession of any weapons or illegal drugs on the fairgrounds is prohibited.
5. As a parent, I/We are aware that responsible alcohol use is allowed on the Fairgrounds, and I/We will limit use of alcohol so that a proper example is set for my exhibitor child, or children of others around us. Any child/student or children/students of other club/chapters around us. Any abuse of alcohol or public intoxication by Parent in or around the Livestock facility is PROHIBITED. This type of activity is further monitored by law enforcement.

6. As a parent, I/We agree not to bring or store any outside alcohol in the livestock area. ONLY alcohol provided by the Master Concessionaire is allowed on the grounds. If caught with outside alcohol Parent will be removed from the fairgrounds for the remainder of the Fair.
7. As a Leader/Advisor or Parent I acknowledge that the use of fireworks or sparklers is prohibited on the fairgrounds.
8. Smoking or vaping is allowed only in the designated smoking area. Smoking or vaping of any kind is PROHIBITED in the livestock area.

Any Parent/Guardian whose conduct jeopardizes the health or safety of an exhibitor, animal, or the public, will be immediately expelled from the Monterey County Fair and will jeopardize the participation of their club/chapter's exhibitors or any member of the Parent's family. The Parent is to be removed from the grounds immediately and could jeopardize their club's exhibitors or child's opportunity to show and sell through the Junior Livestock Auction. By signing this Agreement, all parties (livestock exhibitors of market, breeding, and small animals and their parents or guardian), do hereby agree to the Junior Livestock Exhibitor and Parent/Adult Code of Conduct as expressly stated above. All Code of Conduct forms are to be viewed at submission of Fair Entry, which is on or before August 1, 2026. Code of Conduct forms must be signed and submitted by August 10. Failure to read and submit the signed agreement causes ineligibility to show at the 2026 Fair.

Exhibitor's Name (Print): _____ Club/Chapter: _____

Exhibitor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

DECLARATION OF ANIMAL MEDICATION

REQUIRED FOR ENTRY – BRING WEIGH IN DAY

Every market animal exhibitor at the MONTEREY COUNTY FAIR must complete this form prior to the sale of animals at the Junior Livestock Auction. Animals will not be eligible to sell in the 2026 Monterey County Fair Junior Livestock Auction if the form is not signed.

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, WE THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT:

1. No Unauthorized chemicals have been used which would cause the carcass to fail USDA and/or Food and Drug Administration standards.
2. The withdrawal time required of any medication (including medicated feed) or pesticide administered has been adhered to.

AS THE OWNER OF THIS MARKET ANIMAL, I ACKNOWLEDGE I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ANIMAL IF IT IS REJECTED AT A PROCESSING CENTER DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF DRUG RESIDUES. IF DRUG RESIDUE IS DETECTED I MAY BE LIABLE TO THE BUYER FOR AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THREE TIMES THE PURCHASE PRICE AND MAY ALSO BE LIABLE FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND CIVIL PENALTIES (FOOD AND AGRICULTURE CODE SECTION 14363).

Ear Tag Number/Animal ID # _____ Animal Species _____

Exhibitor's Name (Print): _____ Club/Chapter: _____

Exhibitor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____