



CHECKLIST FOR EXHIBITING LARGE ANIMAL BREEDING SPECIES

(Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Boer Goats, Dairy Goats, Breeding Sheep, Commercial Gilts)

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This is meant to be a checklist of important dates and activities to help you navigate AgFest...it is not a replacement for the official AgFest 2023 guidebook. Please make sure that you read and understand the rules and information contained in the guidebook as they govern the event and any information there will supersede this checklist.

General

Exhibitor Eligibility and Requirements

- All Exhibitors of large market animals must be aged 9 as of January 1st and be a member of 4H, FFA or Grange, or be an independent who has followed the requirements and due dates established in the 2023 Independent Record Book (can be downloaded from the AgFest website under AgFest 2023). Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year they turn 19 years of age.

Ownership Date and Bill of Sale Requirements

- MUST OWN BREEDING ANIMALS BY MAY 8th**
- Cattle, Sheep, Goats from Other States – See Livestock Rules
- See Rules regarding Ownership and Registration Papers
- See Rules regarding number of entries you can exhibit in breeding shows per specie
- Ownership must be in exhibitor's name

YQCA Certification

- Sometime between January and April 1st, complete your YQCA Certification Course and retain your YQCA certification #. This number will be required to complete your online entry.

January/February

- If you are 13 years of age or older and are interested in joining the Junior AgFest Committee, review the Committee Handbook and complete an application. Information can be found on the AgFest website under AgFest 2023. Meeting dates will be published on the website and through text alerts.

March

- March 15th – INDEPENDENT EXHIBITORS** - Independent exhibitors must turn in Parent/Exhibitor/AgFest agreement.

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April

- **April 15th - FARM TO FORK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** - due for graduating seniors or 1st year college students. Information and application can be found on the AgFest website
- **April 20th – May 9th - ONLINE ENTRIES THROUGH BLUE RIBBON** - complete your online entry through the Blue Ribbon online entry system. A link to the entry system will be published on the website once it opens. Here are some tips:
 - When creating your account – be sure that your **name is spelled correctly**, enter your **mailing address**, make sure it is correct and **includes Apt# or Space#**, if applicable (**the address you enter here is where your auction check will be mailed**).
 - Include your leader or parent email address in the “Additional Email” space.
 - We do not need your SS#, enter 000-00-0000 when prompted.
 - When prompted for PREMISE, you can leave it blank.
 - When prompted to UPLOAD, you can ignore this. There is no need to upload anything as part of your entry.
 - Be sure to enter the correct **YQCA #** - this is a requirement for all livestock entries.
 - Enter your Breeding Department (Entry fee - \$15.00 per breeding animal)
 - Department 19 - Breeding Beef
 - Department 20 - Dairy Cattle
 - Department 21 - Boer Goats
 - Department 22 - Dairy Goats
 - Department 24 - Breeding Sheep
 - Department 25 - Commercial Gilts
 - Enter all Breeding information – if you do not have the information place a 0 to skip to the next line.
 - Enter Showmanship for your breeding specie – there is no charge for entry.
 - Enter Production Classes if applicable – there is no charge for entry.
 - **ALL SHEEP AND GOATS MUST HAVE TATTOO OR SCRAPIE TAG NUMBER ENTERED**
 - Dairy Cows – Read Milk Parlor Rules
 - You will be charged a \$3 Processing Fee and a \$3 Insurance Fee. If you have entered correctly, your entry fee will be more than \$6 (Example...\$15 entry fee for breeding sheep + \$6 for processing and insurance fees = \$21)
 - Before checking out, go to items/checkout, click on the green button PRINT/REVIEW RECEIPT. Use the printout to review your entries and make sure they are correct before completing the payment process.
 - Also be sure to click the REVIEW FAIR RULES option and read the rules before completing your entry.
 - Check your email for your entry – review that you are entered in the correct classes. If there is an issue send an email to agfestlvstck@gmail.com Print your email for verification that you animal was entered.
- **Month of April – UNIFORM** – Check the guidebook for uniform requirements for your organization or independents. It is advised that you pick up any uniform items during the month of April...as fair season approaches, they become more and more difficult to find.

May

- **May 16th – June 1st - ORDER YOUR PARKING/RV SPACES** – Weekly Parking, Wall Parking and RV Spaces will be sold through the AgFest Website. If you do not purchase a weekly parking pass you will pay the daily parking fee at the gate. Wall Parking has limited spaces available. More information will be published on the website and the sales period approaches.
- **Month of May – AGRICULTURE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** – The Ag Ed Scholarship program is a great way for people or businesses to donate to your youth agriculture project(s). To be eligible to receive donations, you

must submit an online application. Information about the Ag Ed Scholarship program can be found on the website under Get Involved, Sponsor an Exhibitor. Links to the online application will be published in May.

June

- **Date TBD – EARTAG PICKUP (COMMERCIAL GILT EXHIBITORS ONLY)** – 4-H, FFA, and Grange - one leader/advisor is to pick up the ear tags for per club/chapter. Independent exhibitors can pick up their own. **Make sure to provide your Bill of Sale**
- **June 1st – June 10th – PREPARE YOUR ANIMAL FOR AGFEST** – Clip, bathe, and affix ear tag to your animal (commercial gilts only) in preparation for AgFest. See guidebook for clipping requirements.
- **June 5th - PICK UP PARKING/RV PASSES** – RV and Parking passes purchased online will be available at the June 5th General Meeting
- **June 8th – 17th** – AgFest week – be sure to check relevant dates and times for your specie. Here are some highlights:
 - **CHECK-IN**
 - Check all rules for Clipping and be sure animal meets clipping requirements prior to check in
 - Double check your check in times/days for check in/weigh in for commercial stock
 - **BREEDING BEEF:** Be sure to have your Yellow Transportation Slip and Bill of Sale at Check In
 - **BOER GOATS AND BEEDING SHEEP:** Have registration papers (if applicable) and bill of sale available for review, if requested
 - **WEIGH-IN** – No re-weighing of breeding animals
 - **SHOWMANSHIP** – Be sure to check to see if you are listed on the Showmanship pages. If not sign up at the livestock office **within an hour of check in.**
 - **WINNING ADVANCED SHOWMANSHIP** – Let the livestock office know within an hour of winning showmanship – that you will/will not be competing in Master Showmanship. If competing, complete your Market Bio and turn into the LIVESTOCK Office and check the schedule for check-in and competition location and time.
 - **CHECK-OUT** – Breeding Shows Check out per guidelines in rules. Be sure that all pens are cleaned when checking out unless you have Market Animals coming into those pens.