

LIVESTOCK, HORSE AND YOUTH SHOWS INFORMATION

WHO CAN EXHIBIT

DEPARTMENTS

- AJ Junior Judging Contests** — Open to teams or individual youths actively enrolled in public schools, 4-H or FFA in Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, and Rutherford counties in NC and Cherokee and York counties in SC. Competitions available in dairy cattle, poultry, and beef cattle judging.
- BB Open Boer Goats** — Open to the world.
- BG Youth Meat Goats** — Open to youth exhibitors (ages 5-18) in North Carolina and South Carolina.
- BL Youth Market Lambs** — Open to youth exhibitors (ages 5-18) in North Carolina and South Carolina.
- BS Open Dairy Goats** — Open to the world.
- BSJ Youth Dairy Goats** — Open to the world's youth under 21 years of age day of show.
- C Horses, Ponies, Donkeys & Mules** — Open to exhibitors in Cleveland, Burke, Catawba, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford counties in North Carolina and Cherokee and York counties in South Carolina.
- D Open Dairy Cattle** -- Open to exhibitors ages 5 and older in Cleveland, Burke, Catawba, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford counties in North Carolina and Cherokee and York counties in South Carolina.
- DJ Junior Dairy Cattle** — Open to youth exhibitors ages 5 - 21 in North Carolina and South Carolina.
- DS Cleveland County 4-H Dairy Steer Show** - Open to youth participating in the Cleveland County 4-H Dairy Steer Project.
- E Open Beef Cattle** — Open to exhibitors ages 5 and older in North Carolina and South Carolina.
- EJ Junior Beef Cattle** — Open to youth exhibitors ages 5-21 in North Carolina and South Carolina.
- F-FJ There will be no competitions with live poultry at the 2022 Cleveland County Fair due to Avian Influenza.**

*Livestock premium checks will not be released until the Cleveland County Fair has had an opportunity to verify competition results. Checks will be released within 45 days of the end of the fair.

Entry Information

- **All livestock, horse and youth show entries with the exception of entries in department AJ must be made online at clevelandcountyfair.com** Follow the links on the fair's website to Cleveland County Fair's Blue Ribbon Online Entry page.
- Entries and payments must be received by Cleveland County Fair by 4 pm September 14, 2022, for all other livestock shows.
- There is a one-time \$2.00 fee to create an online account.
- **Payment must be made online through the Blue Ribbon software.** Follow instructions to enter your payment information upon checkout. Note that registration is not considered complete until Cleveland County Fair has received payment for any fees.

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- Available pens and tie spaces are assigned in the order entries are received. Number of animals in each competition is limited to pen and tie space. Once the maximum number of animals have been entered in a department, registration will be closed.
- Age for youth in competitions is calculated as of day of show unless otherwise stated in department rules.
- No entries will be accepted via mail, in-person, IM, Email, Text, Fax, or any Social Media platform.
- When registering online, be sure to enter group classes and showmanship classes as appropriate.
- Exhibitors wishing to compete in showmanship classes must have an entry in regular classes of the applicable department.
- Exhibitors wishing to compete in group classes must have an entry in regular breed classes of the group's breed.
- Parking passes for the Livestock Parking Area will be provided only for trucks, trailers and vehicles used to transport livestock to and from Cleveland County Fair. Other vehicles should park in the regular parking areas for fair attendees.
- Spectators should not enter the fair through the Livestock gate. Spectators not directly competing in livestock competitions as exhibitors are expected to pay regular gate admission.
- All exhibitors and entries must comply with Cleveland County Fair rules. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to read and be familiar with ALL rules including those on this page.

Fees

- Payment must be made online through the Blue Ribbon software. Follow instructions to enter your payment information upon checkout after making your entries. Note that registration is not considered complete until Cleveland County Fair has received payment for any fees.
- Entry fees are required for all entries in Open competitions and in the Horse, Pony, Donkey and Mule competitions. Entries exclusively in the Youth/Junior Livestock Shows are not subject to fees.
- Storage for tack and feed will be allocated by the livestock superintendent and horse superintendent subject to space available.

THE FOLLOWING ENTRY FEES WILL GOVERN.

Cattle	\$10 per head	Sheep	\$10 head
Goats	\$10 per head	Horses, Ponies, Donkeys, Mules	\$10 head

No substitutions are permitted unless so specified in the show rules and regulations for each department.

Check-in

- Animals must be delivered to the fairgrounds during the dates and times indicated in the rules and regulations for each department unless a variance is approved by the relevant department director.
- Exhibitors removing their animals from the fairgrounds prior to the posted release time without approval by the department superintendent shall forfeit all premiums earned and shall be prohibited from competition at the Cleveland County Fair the following year.

LIVESTOCK AND HORSE HEALTH REGULATIONS

General Health Regulations

- No animals may be off-loaded at the fairgrounds before being checked and approved by the department superintendent or his designee.
- All animals should be pre-registered for competitions before being offloaded.
- All livestock and horses are subject to follow-up inspection by an appointed veterinarian or credentialed livestock inspector. Those exhibiting any sign of disease or illness will not be allowed to enter the barn and will be promptly returned to the farm of origin.
- All livestock must have a permanent form of identification (ear tag, tattoo, ear notch or microchip — reader must be provided by owner) to enter the fairgrounds.

Cattle — Dairy and Beef

Cattle must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 60 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

- Name and address of exhibitor.
- Description of each animal, including breed, age, sex and regulation, tattoo, or ear tag numbers.
- A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the cattle listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease, to the best of their knowledge.

Goats and Sheep

Goats and sheep must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 60 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

- Name and address of exhibitor.
- Description of each animal, including breed, age, sex and regulation, tattoo or ear tag numbers.
- A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the goats or sheep listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease, to the best of their knowledge.

All goats, regardless of state of origin, must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA Tag (873-2824) or 919-855-7707 for more information.

Horses, Ponies, Donkeys and Mules

All weaned horses and ponies must be accompanied by an original EIA Test Chart Coggins Test (dated within 12 months of the show) indicating negative status with regard to Equine Infectious Anemia. **A copy of the Coggins report should be uploaded to the online portal when making online entries or emailed to onlineentriesccf@hotmail.com.**

No equine may be offloaded until the Coggins Test has been verified by the superintendent or his designee.

LIVESTOCK, HORSE & YOUTH POULTRY SHOWS ADDITIONAL RULES & REGULATIONS

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1. All participants must read and be fully familiar with the rules and regulations of Cleveland County Fair and those rules governing the department entered and must comply with same. All statements made in connection with said entries must be true. Exhibitors certify they have fitted the animals registered in their names and that the animals have been in the care of the exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to opening day of the fair.
2. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to read and be familiar with ALL Cleveland County Fair rules. Information contained on the Livestock, Horse, and Youth Poultry Show Information page, the Livestock & Horse Health Regulations, and Cleveland County Fair General Information pages are considered part of Cleveland County Fair rules and regulations.
3. **Late entries:** Livestock and horses being shown at other fairs may be permitted to arrive late or leave early, subject to prior approval by the department superintendent. Only those animals being shown at other fairs will be permitted this exception. Others arriving late may be barred from competition. Removing animals prior to posted release time forfeits places, awards, and premiums.
4. There will be no competitions with live poultry at the 2022 Cleveland County Fair due to Avian Influenza.
5. **All Livestock, Horse, Pony, Mule and Donkey entries must be made online at clevelandcountyfair.com.** Follow the links on the fair's website to Cleveland County Fair's Blue Ribbon Online Entry page. Entries and payments must be made online through the Blue Ribbon portal and received by Cleveland County Fair by 4 pm Wednesday, September 14, 2022, for all livestock shows. Once you submit your entries and make payment through the online portal, you will receive a confirmation email verifying your entries. If you do not get the confirmation email, you have not completed the entry process. You should log back in and complete submission. If submission is not completed by the due date, entries will be struck from competition.
6. Entries received other than through the online portal will be disqualified.
7. Once the maximum number of animals has been reached in a department, no other registrations will be accepted. Online entries received after the department limit has been reached will be struck from the book, and exhibitors will be refunded for any entry fees for said entries. Deletions will be based upon the date/time stamp for submissions/payments within the Blue Ribbon Online portal.
8. To compete, all exhibitors must be capable of showing animals without assistance in the ring.
9. Pens, stalls, and tie space are assigned in the order entries are received. Participation in shows will be limited to barn space available.
10. Feed must be furnished by the exhibitor.
11. Cleveland County Fair will provide base bedding for animal pens/stalls. **BEDDING WITH STRAW IS NOT PERMITTED. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Care will be exercised to have all pens/tie spaces clean and bedded with a suitable base material at time of entry. Exhibitor will be expected to keep area clean.

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12. The exhibitor will be expected to:
 - Provide onsite supervision of their animals.
 - Keep the space they occupy in a clean and sanitary condition.
 - Remove all litter or equipment promptly as the superintendent may direct.
13. Illegal drugs, poor sportsmanship and/or unethical conduct in fitting and showing will not be permitted. Ramping (elevating the front feet of animals with heads tied close to the rail) will not be permitted.
14. Exhibitors removing their animals from the barn prior to the posted release time shall forfeit all premiums.
15. No animal shall be allowed to compete in group classes unless also registered in an individual class.
16. The Cleveland County Fair Association shall not be responsible for any accident which may occur to, or by reason of any animals exhibited at the show. Also, the exhibitor shall hold the Cleveland County Fair blameless and indemnify the Cleveland County Fair against any legal proceedings arising from such actions.
17. **Livestock and horse shows are designed to educate and promote good sportsmanship.** As such, show judges and/or the livestock superintendent are authorized to disqualify any exhibitor and/or bar them from future competition because of objectionable conduct both in and around the show ring.
18. All female cattle 36 months of age must have produced a live calf.
19. **When on exhibit in the show ring:**
 - Cattle and horses must be haltered and under the complete control of the exhibitor.
 - Halters are optional for market lambs.
 - Show chains are recommended for goats.
20. The management reserves the right of declining any entry.
21. Furthermore, the directors reserve the right to bar from the competition:
 - Animals of decided poor conformation.
 - Animals not fitted properly for the show.
 - Animals not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition.
22. Exhibitors are expected to:
 - Display their animals as directed.
 - Accept assigned pen spaces without controversy.
 - Keep their animals and display in attractive appearance.
 - Cooperate with the department in every way such as may serve to increase the educational value of the show.
23. Exhibitors failing to promptly exhibit their animals in the arena to be rated by the judge as per schedule shall forfeit the privilege of competition. Decorations with ribbons previously won by animals in the show shall be prohibited until after the awards have been made in their respective classes. Current Cleveland County Fair ribbons must be displayed.

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24. An experienced judge shall rule on each class.
25. The judge shall determine proper placing in the absence of competition in any class. Should unsound, inferior, or distinctly unworthy specimens be presented in competition, the Fair shall be under no obligation to decorate them with ribbons or distribute prizes as scheduled. Merit alone shall justify recognition.
26. **Herdsman Contest for Cattle Exhibitors:**
- **You will not enter this contest when making online entries.**
All exhibitors (including juniors) in charge of four or more animals will automatically be entered.
 - Cattle exhibits require more attention to neatness, cleanliness, and sanitation than any other species of livestock. Realizing that the herdsman is directly responsible for the condition of his herd and the space it occupies, the fair sponsors a Herdsman’s Contest for beef and dairy exhibitors in charge of four or more animals entered in competition. The contest not only recognizes those herdsmen who do a good job, it also serves as an incentive for all exhibitors to improve the appearance and sanitation of the barn.
 - The following SCORECARD will serve as the basis for the livestock superintendent and his appointed judges to use in making the determination for awards:

EVALUATION CRITERIA

POSSIBLE POINTS

Condition and cleanliness of herd	15
Neatness of herdsman and helpers	10
Courtesy of herdsman and helpers	10
Method of keeping feed and equipment	10
Cleanliness of stalls	10
Cleanliness of alleys	10
Decoration and attractiveness of barn	10
Promptness in getting cattle to show ring	10
Cooperation with show directors	10
Support provided to other exhibitors	5

Total: 100

- Duration of contest: The Herdsman Contest will begin as animals are off-loaded at the fair and shall continue until animals are officially released.
- Only one Herdsman Award will be awarded by the Cleveland County Fair. There will not be separate awards for the Open and Junior(Youth) shows. Juniors are allowed to compete in the Herdsman Contest.