

67th 4-H/FFA MARKET ANIMAL SHOW & SALE

2012 RULES AND REGULATIONS

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The mission of the Augusta County 4-H/FFA Market Animal Show is to encourage positive youth development through 4-H/FFA livestock projects. The primary focus of the program is to assist youth in developing life skills such as working with others, accepting responsibility, developing a strong work ethic, and exhibiting good character. In addition, the program strives to teach young people about agriculture and agribusiness and hopes to create positive agricultural awareness in the community, while promoting community development.

The following rules and regulations serve as an exhibitor code of conduct. It is an agreement, formal or implied, between the participants, volunteers, and management of the show. This agreement's purpose is to:

- Ensure the overall well-being of animals exhibited.
- Ensure the use of commonly accepted practices in preparing and exhibiting animals for show.
- Maintain a safe and wholesome food supply.
- Maintain the intent and integrity of animal competitions and displays for future generations.

The objectives of this Show and Sale are to:

- Demonstrate that it is practical to produce cattle, hogs, goats, and sheep on adapted farms in this area and to show the advantage of good breeding and the use of a balanced ration in feeding livestock.
- Train youth in the proper handling, fitting, and showing of livestock.
- Demonstrate practical economics of purchasing, producing, and marketing livestock.

General Rules and Regulations

1. The 2012 Market Animal Show & Sale will be held May 2nd and 3rd at the Staunton Union Stockyards.
2. The Show and Sale will be under the supervision of the Extension/4-H Office, 4-H Volunteers, Agricultural Education Teachers, and FFA Advisors with the assistance of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences of Virginia Tech and Augusta County Schools and the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce, the Ruritan Clubs of Augusta County, the Staunton Rotary Club and the Staunton/Augusta Rotary Club.
3. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, or show officials before, during, or after the show and sale is prohibited.
4. GRADER'S WORD IS FINAL.
5. Loss, damage, or injury to animals, property, and/or individuals in transit to the Show, prior to the Show and Sale and during the Show and Sale is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
6. Livestock shall be placed in pens designated by the Show Committee and may not be stalled in any other pen. Stockyard facilities must not be altered or moved. **NO SWITCHING OF PENS!**
7. All exhibitors are expected to leave the stalls in the barn clean before leaving the Show and Sale. Clean sawdust, shavings, bark and peanut hulls may be left in the stall. Straw/hay will not be used for bedding. Hay may not be left in stalls. Exhibitors' pens must be cleaned and check-out form completed before checks will be issued. Checks will not be distributed immediately following the sale. **Checks will be mailed from the EXTENSION OFFICE by Monday, May 7th. Checks will NOT be available for pick-up in person.** The mailing address on entry cards must be correct to receive your check promptly.
8. All protests must be in writing and must clearly state the complaint. All protests must be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00 which shall be forfeited to the Show in case protest is not sustained, and must be delivered to the MAS Committee within twelve (12) hours after the cause of protest.
9. Dogs are not allowed in the show area, show ring, sale ring, or area where animals are housed on Wednesday and Thursday, May 2nd and 3rd.
10. The judge, officials, ringmen and members of the MAS Committee may dismiss exhibitors from the show ring or prohibit exhibitors from showing unruly and/or unsafe animals.
11. Generators must be set up outside of the covered barn area where animals are housed. Cords may be run into the building as needed. There will be no fitting of animals in the sale ring.
12. This is an Augusta County School approved activity; the use of drugs, tobacco, and/or alcohol products is not acceptable. **It is strongly recommended that adults refrain from the use of tobacco products while on the show grounds.** Exhibitors should make appropriate arrangements with their respective schools to get excused absences for days/assignments missed for MAS.

13. Trailers should be parked at satellite locations once you have unloaded livestock and supplies. Your cooperation with the parking crew is greatly appreciated.
14. Any exhibitor or his representative or agent who violates any of these rules and regulations of the Augusta County 4H/FFA Market Animal Show, may be required to forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be barred from future participation at the discretion of the MAS Committee.
15. Unbecoming conduct by Augusta County 4-H or FFA members or adults may be reviewed by the MAS Committee and appropriate action taken.
16. No tents, umbrellas, or other shade/rain guards may be used around or near the show ring (including in the bleachers and on the hill for any reason on Thursday, May 3rd. This is for the safety of the exhibitors. However, tents, umbrellas, etc. may be used on Wednesday, May 2nd during the lamb and hog shows.

Exhibitors

1. A. The Show and Sale is open to 4-H and FFA members of Augusta County, 9-19 years of age as of September 30, 2012.
 B. Exhibitors are NOT eligible to show after graduation from high school (or equivalent for home-schooled youth) regardless of their age or membership status.
 C. 4-H members must be enrolled members of a bona fide 4-H Club in Augusta County and must meet all membership requirements. (NO LONE MEMBERS)
2. Exhibitors must show their own animals in all classes including showmanship. If he or she has more than one entry per class, it must be shown by another qualified 4-H or FFA member who is registered to show. Emergency/Special situations must be presented to and decided on by the Market Animal Show (MAS) Committee. Only one exhibitor is to be in the show ring with each animal.
3. Proper attire for the show and sale is required. A clean, collared shirt (tucked in) and long pants are considered proper attire. No hats should be worn in the show or sale ring.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for being on time for all classes and sale order. Show and Sale Order will be posted.
 A. A one (1) minute gate call will be given for classes during the show.
 B. Exhibitors not in the ring by the 1-minute call will not show.
 C. Exhibitors who miss their place in the line-up for the sale will be moved to the end of the species.
 D. Committee members and volunteers will be available to help as needed, including penning hogs and getting those present in order.
5. All exhibitors MUST attend an exhibitors' meeting on Wednesday, May 2nd at 11:00 a.m., in the sale ring. Stall cards and arm bands will be handed out during this meeting. Those not present will forfeit premiums!
6. All exhibitors will be required to wear an armband to designate them as junior or senior exhibitors. The MAS Committee will provide these. A novice (first year exhibitor - per species - regardless of age) showmanship class for each species will be available. First year exhibitors must designate their novice status on their entry form for each species. All novice exhibitors will be automatically entered in the novice showmanship class which will be held following the open showmanship class. Novice exhibitors do not need to be called back to be eligible for the novice showmanship class. However, exhibitors may only show in one showmanship class per species. Therefore, if a novice exhibitor is identified by the judge, they are eligible to show in the open showmanship and must choose to compete in EITHER open OR novice, not both.

Entries

1. A. To be eligible for the May 2nd and 3rd Show and Sale, all market steers MUST be weighed on Saturday, **November 5, 2011**. There will be no exceptions. No late entries are accepted. The steers will be weighed at Staunton Union Stockyards from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Steer cards will be available at weigh-in (and 30 days prior to weigh-in at the Extension Office) and must be completely filled in prior to steers being weighed. The MAS Committee reserves the right to identify steers by appropriate means.
 B. A suggested minimum weight for steers at weigh-in is at least 600 pounds. No steer can weigh over 900 pounds at weigh-in on November 5, 2011.
2. To be eligible for the May 2nd and 3rd show and sale, all **lambs and hogs must be tagged at the nomination day on March 3, 2012 at the Augusta County Government Center; 8:00 am until 11:00 am (March 4th, 2:00 - 5:00 pm is the "snow date")**. This date is also the deadline by which all lambs and hogs must be owned and in the care of the exhibitor. All entry forms are due at this time. No late entries will be accepted. All animals must be shown and sold as designated. There will be no exceptions. Details on the nomination day will be available by 1/31/12 and will be distributed through FFA Advisors and 4-H Leaders.

3. Each exhibitor may nominate up to 3 lambs and 3 hogs on March 3rd. However, exhibitors may only bring 2 of each species to the stockyard to be weighed in, shown, and sold on May 2nd and 3rd.
4. Steers with horns will not be allowed to enter the Show and/or Sale. **Scurs will be checked closely at weigh-in in November and at the show in May.**
5. Only one re-weigh per lamb, hog, or steer, will be allowed. Lambs and hogs must be within five (5) pounds of the required weight to be eligible for a re-weigh. Market steers must be within twenty (20) pounds of required weight to be eligible for a re-weigh. All re-weighs must take place immediately. Animals may not leave the scale area and return later for re-weigh. All animals must be dry when weighed. All blankets must be removed including the spandex types.
6. An "Entry and Processing" fee will be charged per animal shown and sold in the 4-H/FFA Market Animal Show and Sale. These fees will be deducted from the exhibitor's checks that are issued from the stockyard. Fees will be: \$11.00 per steer; \$6 per lamb; \$6 per hog.

Exhibition, Sale, and Treatment of Livestock

1. Each exhibitor will be permitted to show and sell a maximum of two (2) market steers, two (2) market lambs, and two (2) market hogs. Exhibitors may only weigh in a maximum of two (2) lambs, two (2) hogs, and two (2) market steers at the show on May 2nd. There will be no substitutions "off the truck" for animals that do not make weight.
2. The Market Animal Show weigh-in on May 2nd will be from 6:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for hogs and market steers. Lambs will only be weighed from 6:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.
3. All steers will be shown by weight, regardless of breed. Only beef type cattle may be shown. No dairy type cattle may be shown.
4. Steers must be shown with a halter and must be fully broken. The MAS Committee reserves the right to identify unbroken animals and to disqualify them from showing if a threat to human safety is present. The use of tranquilizers, sedatives, depressants, calf calm, or any mechanical device is prohibited. Steers that are excused from the show ring or that do not show will still sell but may not physically go into the sale ring (at the discretion of the MAS Committee). This is for the safety of exhibitors and spectators.
5. Steers must grade select and above to be eligible to show. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell calves grading select to prime. Any standard steers will not be shown or sold.
6. All steers must weigh at least 1000 lbs. at time of weigh-in on May 2nd in order to show and sell.
7. Hogs must weigh between 220-285 pounds for the Show and Sale.
8. Hair on hogs may be clipped NO shorter than ½".
9. Lambs must weigh between **90-140 pounds** for the Show and Sale.
10. Any hog, lamb or steer not meeting the weight or grade requirements will not be eligible to be shown or sold.
11. All lambs must be docked and all male lambs must be castrated, (short scrotum is not an approved method of castration), and all be slick shorn PRIOR TO weigh-in.
12. **All male animals must be castrated with no evidence of testicular tissue.**
13. A. Animals consigned for slaughter immediately following the Show must not receive any treatment with drugs, biologics, or growth stimulants within the withdrawal time period prior to slaughter. Withdrawal times for drugs and biologics are all stated on the directions for use. Label directions must be followed at all times. Treating an animal, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or other substance to artificially change its conformation, appearance, and/or behavior for a show is unacceptable. There will be no filling by means of a stomach pump or drench. **The use of inhumane/abusive fitting, showing and/or handling practices will not be tolerated.** Any animal found to be erroneously entered or artificially altered by changing the natural conformation or the color of the hair, wool or hide in any way, shall be evaluated by the MAS committee and any veterinarian or expert appointed by the Committee.
 - B. All livestock must be provided with adequate water and the opportunity to drink during the Show and following the Sale.
 - C. Intentional misrepresentation of an animal in any way including age of the animal, ownership, prior show activity, or other misinformation provided by the exhibitor is prohibited.
 - D. Market animals may only be exhibited if they will enter the food chain free of drugs or foreign substances. The act of entering an animal in this show gives consent by the owner to have specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other samples from the animals or carcass taken, to be used for testing. All animals entered into competition shall be subject to testing for foreign substances that exceed acceptable levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA and/or EPA. (It is a Federal offense to violate this rule)

14. All animals that are weighed in will be sold, providing they meet requirements. Sale of animals will be conducted in accordance with Staunton Union Stockyard's procedures. Once an animal is sold, it becomes the property of the Staunton Union Stockyard until payment in full is received. **No animals may be purchased off the floor.**
15. **The destination of each animal must be clearly determined before the animal leaves the sale ring and no changes will be made. Destinations include: Floor, Processing Facility, or home.**
16. **All buyers (or those transporting animals for buyers) must have their animals checked off by the designated MAS committee member at the loading dock(s) to ensure that all animals are accounted for and go to the correct destination.**

Record Books and Awards

1. Record books are required for all exhibitors for all species. **For the 2012 MAS, one record book per species is required (ie, two animals of the same species can be accounted for in one record book). Consult the directions in the record book for details and instructions. A show catalog will be needed to get information on premiums to complete the record book.** Failure to turn in a **complete** record book by Thursday, May 10th, 4:00 p.m. to the Augusta County Extension Office will result in forfeiture of premiums for that species. A complete record book is defined as one that scores at least 50% based on the scoring rubric in the back of the record books. Record books must be turned in, COMPLETE AND ON TIME, for the exhibitor to be considered for any awards. This includes but is not necessarily limited to the RL Coffey, George Beam, Alton Lewis, Carl Grove, Jim Coffey, J. W. Riley, Jr. Memorial Award, Beef Performance, Hog Sweepstakes, Character Counts, Grand and Reserve Grand Champion awards, showmanship awards, Vaughn Ashby, premiums for classes and carcass awards.
2. At least one thank you letter in an addressed (to your buyer), stamped envelope must be turned in with each record book. These will be mailed out by the Extension Office. You should mail a thank you letter to each of your other buyers personally. **Exhibitors whose animals were floored and did not sell individually should address their letter to the buyer of the floor for that species.** Exhibitors who fail to follow these rules will forfeit their premiums for that species.
3. All exhibitors should contact potential buyers in person prior to the show.

Banquet

1. Banquet- **Tentative Date: Thursday, May 24, 2012.** Tickets will be sold at the Extension Office from Monday, April 9th, – Friday, April 27th. Each registered exhibitor may purchase 3 tickets during this time. This should ensure that every exhibitor will have the opportunity to attend the banquet if they so choose. Ticket sales will resume during the show and at the Extension Office after the show through Thursday, May 17th at 4:00 or until maximum capacity of the facility is reached. NO EXCEPTIONS!