

Livestock Rules and Regulations

1. **Livestock Market Agreement:** To be eligible to show or sell an animal as a 4-H member in the Trinity County Fair, a 4-H member must submit the completed Trinity County Livestock Market Agreement certifying that the member has completed the requirements and will abide by the livestock rules and the 4-H member code of conduct. See the Attached Livestock Market Agreement.
2. **Dress Code:** 4-H members **MAY** show Market animals in **complete** 4-H uniform. See the Fair Premium book for minimum standards of dress for junior exhibitors. If the member elects to wear the 4-H uniform, the **complete** uniform must be worn. Purchased “showmanship” jackets may not be worn during any judging or showmanship.
3. **Project Report/Records:** All exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available to show that ownership and care requirements have been met. A copy of an up-to-date Annual Project Report (APR) must be turned in to the project leader before they sign your livestock entry form. The project leaders’ signature indicates the member has fulfilled the terms of this agreement and is a member in good standing.

CDFA Rules: “All junior exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available as to the length of project”.

4. **Care of Animals:** Exhibitors are expected to groom and care for their animal(s) for the duration of the fair. They are to refrain from accepting active assistance from adults and non-exhibiting youth unless the junior exhibitor is actively engaged, and the assistance is only for instruction. If your animal is kept off your property, you must oversee and care for the animal at least once daily during the ownership period. Members may be absent from their project a maximum of 15 days during the period of mandatory ownership.
 - A 4-H member is not eligible to SELL a market animal through the Jr. Livestock Auction Sale at the county fair if he/she will be gone from home more than 15 days of the 60 days prior to the fair. The member is responsible for the care and management of the project animal for the ownership requirements. Organized 4-H activities are excluded from the 15-day rule, providing the member satisfies the responsibility for the care and management of the project with approval of the project leader.
 - Any unruly animal that requires special equipment to be handled or restrained must not be brought to the fair. If an animal is unruly, or the 4-H'er does not show he/she can control the animal and deemed unruly, it must be removed from the fairgrounds as soon as possible. The Barn Superintendent and/or the Livestock Superintendent will make decisions regarding removal of animals from the fairgrounds.
 - All Exhibitors (excluding horse, cavies, and dogs) must complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training annually. YQCAPROGRAM.ORG
5. **Ownership Requirements:** Animal projects must be owned solely by and under the exhibitor’s care and management. Ownership must be maintained through the fair dates and cannot be owned by a

club or jointly owned by two or more individuals.

Beef – 120 consecutive days prior to weigh-in

Swine – 60 consecutive days prior to weigh-in

Sheep – 60 consecutive days prior to weigh-in

Goats – 60 consecutive days prior to weigh-in

Turkeys – 30 days consecutive days prior to weigh-in

Poultry – 30 days consecutive days prior to weigh-in

Rabbits – 30 days consecutive days prior to weigh-in

6. **WEIGH-IN (see current premium book for schedule)**

Small Animal weigh-in is Tuesday of fair week.

Large animal weigh-in is Wednesday of fair week.

7. **Livestock Sale is the Saturday of fair week.**

8. **Entry Forms:** It is the responsibility of the member to complete their fair entry forms online by the fair's due date. A YQCA certificate of completion must be submitted with entry forms.

9. **Supervision at Fair:** All junior exhibitors must be supervised by a responsible adult while at the fair.

10. **Buyers' Picture:** All junior livestock exhibitors intending to sell at the Auction must participate in the taking of Buyer Placard Photos **at the time scheduled** by the Junior Livestock Committee and/or Fair Management to be eligible to participate in the Auction. Please comply with current year photo shoot schedule.

11. **Thank you letters:** 4-H members must either mail or hand-deliver a thank you letter or card to their buyers within one week of the Auction.

12. **Trinity County residence, or enrollment in a Trinity County 4-H Club is required.**

13. **Feeding times:** TIMES FOR ANIMALS DURING THE FAIR ARE:

MORNING: 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

EVENING: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

During the hours the animal barns are open to public viewing, feed pans may NOT be left in the pens of the large animals. Water pans or containers may be left in the pens at all times. Feed and water containers are to be always kept clean while your animal is at the fair.

14. **Pens:** It is the 4-H member's sole responsibility to see that his/her animal pens are always kept clean and neat. All pens, stalls, cages, and litter alleys must be cleaned each day by 9:00am All livestock are required to use shavings for bedding. **Violations may result in disqualification and loss of premiums.** Clean pen awards shall be judged in club groups for the large animals, and individually for the small animals.

15. **Showmanship:** All 4-H market animal exhibitors are required to participate in showmanship with their animal if a class is available for their species.

Divisions will be divided into age groups: 9-13 and 14-19. Each animal participating in Showmanship must also be entered as an individual animal in a Senior or Junior Division and exhibited in that Division by the same Junior exhibitor who uses it in Showmanship.

The category of Novice refers to a showman who has never competed in showmanship with any small or large animal at Trinity County Fair as an Independent, 4-H member, FFA member, or Grange member.

16. **Market Standards:** Your animal must meet market ready standards as determined by the conformation judge for each species.
17. **Livestock Field Day Attendance:** It is recommended that you attend at least one livestock field day during the project year. A field day held in another county is acceptable.
18. **Beef projects** must be accompanied by a brand inspection certificate. Proof of ownership must be shown by either a bill of sale, out billing from a sale yard, or a statement that the animal was calved by the exhibitor's cow and raised by the exhibitor.
19. **Market Lambs** must not carry more than one inch of stretched fleece at any point on their bodies.
20. **Market Lambs and Goats** must be from certified scrapie free flocks and have scrapie ear tags.
21. **Residues in Show Animals:** The USDA/FSIS is sampling carcasses from fairs looking for residues—not only for antibiotics, but also for tranquilizers and sedatives. Carcasses that are positive will be condemned, and the FDA and the CDFA notified so enforcement action can be taken. California AB489 places the seller liable for triple civil damages, plus a fine.
22. **Sick or injured animals** shall be removed from the fairground as per State rules. Decisions as to the fitness of an animal will be made by a committee with the members composed of at least three of the following: Large and Small Animal Barn Superintendents, 4-H Project Leader and the Fair Manager.

MARKET LIVESTOCK WEIGHTS - FAIR RULES (effective for the 2023 Fair onwards)

BEEF - Minimum Weight – 1100 pounds

SHEEP - Minimum Weight – 110 pounds

Goat - Minimum Weight – 70 pounds

SWINE - Minimum Weight – 210 pounds

RABBIT - Minimum Weight – 3.5 pounds each

POULTRY - Maximum Sale Weight per pen of 3 animals – 21 pounds

TURKEY - Minimum Weight – Determined by Judge

RABBIT MEAT PENS (PEN OF THREE FRYERS)

1. Read state and local rules. State Rule Books and local Fair Premium Books are available at the Trinity County Fair Office.
2. Rabbits may be purchased and must be owned for a minimum of 30 days.
3. Each pen of three rabbits will be considered as one entry and included in the two-animal limit for each seller. The exhibitor will supply all feeding and watering equipment.
4. Entry will be of uniform conformation and weight. Entries not meeting these standards as determined by the judge will not be allowed to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction.
5. Entries may not be entered in any other class. Entries not qualifying for Market class will be eligible for showmanship classes only.
6. All animals need to be identified by a permanent ear marking (tattoo) after weigh-in. This will be checked by Fair personnel at that time. Each pen of three animals will have either 3 consecutive numbers or be numbered the same to facilitate judging.
7. After judging, the judge will place eligible pens of rabbits in sale order for the auction.
8. Entries will be judged by the market standard of the American Rabbit Breeders Association.
9. See Junior Livestock market classes in the fair premium book for time of exhibit release.
10. Trinity County residence, or enrollment in a Trinity County 4-H Club is required.
11. RABBITS CANNOT BE OVER 70 DAYS (10 WEEKS) OLD AT WEIGH-IN. MINIMUM WEIGHT IS 3 POUNDS.
12. Rabbit sellers will be responsible for butchering, dressing, and delivering the fryers to the buyer.

POULTRY MEAT PENS (PEN OF THREE FRYERS)

1. Read state and local rules. State Rule Books and local Fair Premium Books are available at the Trinity County Fair Office.
2. All poultry market fryers must be individually owned by the exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to the opening day of the Fair and certified as such by the 4-H Leader.

Independent exhibitors must be certified by the Fair Office.

3. Entries may be standard bred or commercial.
4. State health rules: Any bird showing evidence of disease will be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds. All chickens exhibited will be subject to pullorum-typhoid testing at the Fair unless chickens come from flocks which are certified as California-United States pullorum-typhoid clean or its equivalent; or individual birds entered are accompanied by an official health certificate identifying such poultry and showing a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to the opening date of the Fair.
5. Breeds must be named on entry form and, if crossbred, breeds used to produce the cross must be so named.
6. Each pen of three fryers will be considered as one entry and included in the two-animal limit for each seller. The exhibitor will supply all feeding and watering equipment.
7. All animals must be identified by leg bands prior to weigh-in. This will be done by the exhibitor with bands furnished by the Livestock Office.
8. Each meat pen MUST have a card attached, verified by the 4-H project leader, showing the hatch date.
9. After judging, the judge will place eligible pens of meat birds in sale order for the auction.
10. Entries may not be entered in any other class. Entries not qualifying for market class will be eligible for showmanship classes only.
11. Trinity County Residence, or enrollment in a Trinity County 4-H Club is Required.
12. FRYERS CANNOT BE OVER 56 DAYS (8 WEEKS) OLD AT WEIGH-IN.
13. Poultry fryer sellers will be responsible for butchering, dressing, and delivering the fryers to the buyer.

14. ALL POULTRY MUST BE INSPECTED BY THE FAIR POULTRY HEALTH INSPECTOR PRIOR TO RECEIVING. NO FOWL MAY BE COOPED BEFORE THEY ARE INSPECTED. SEE FAIR PREMIUM BOOK FOR INSPECTION SCHEDULE.

TURKEY MEAT PENS (PEN OF ONE)

1. Read state and local rules. State Rule Books and local Fair Premium Books are available at the Trinity County Fair Office.
2. All market turkeys must be individually owned by the exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to the opening day of the Fair and certified as such by the 4-H Leader. Independent exhibitors must be certified by the fair office.
3. Entries may be standard bred or commercial. White turkeys only.
4. State health rules: Any bird showing evidence of disease will be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds. All turkeys exhibited will be subject to pullorum-typhoid testing at the Fair unless turkeys come from flocks which are certified as California-United States pullorum-typhoid clean or its equivalent; or, individual birds entered are accompanied by an official health certificate identifying such poultry and showing a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to the opening date of the Fair.
5. Each turkey meat pen will be considered as one entry and included in the two-animal limit for each seller. The exhibitor will supply all feeding and watering equipment.
6. All animals must be identified by leg bands prior to weigh-in. This will be done by the exhibitor with bands furnished by the Livestock Office.
7. Each turkey MUST have a card attached, verified by the 4-H project leader, showing the hatch date.

8. After judging, the judge will place eligible pens of turkeys in sale order for the auction.
9. Entries may not be entered in any other class. Entries not qualifying for market class will be eligible for showmanship classes only.
10. Trinity County Residence, or enrollment in a Trinity County 4-H Club is Required.
11. PEN OF ONE MARKET TOM/HEN MAY NOT BE MORE THAN 140 DAYS (20 WEEKS) OLD AT WEIGH-IN.
12. Turkey sellers will be responsible for butchering, dressing and delivery to the buyer.
13. ALL POULTRY MUST BE INSPECTED BY THE FAIR POULTRY HEALTH INSPECTOR PRIOR TO RECEIVING. NO FOWL MAY BE COOPED BEFORE THEY ARE INSPECTED. SEE FAIR PREMIUM BOOK FOR INSPECTION SCHEDULE.