

WASHINGTON COUNTY 2026 Market Livestock Rules & Regulations

All Exhibitors

General Rules & Regulations

1. Open to any 4-H or FFA member of **Washington County** in good standing with his or her chapter or club. 4-H members must meet the "4-H Member in Good Standing Requirements" outlined by the Washington County 4-H Program Development Committee in order to be eligible to exhibit project animals at the Washington County Agricultural Fair.
2. **ALL market livestock project animals MUST be entered, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, on an entry form provided by the Washington County Agricultural Fair.**
3. **There will be a Mandatory Meeting for all market livestock exhibitors on Saturday August 15th, 2026 in the Show Arena at 9:00am. Failure to attend, will result in a "No Show" for the exhibitor's market livestock projects. With the exception of an exhibitor attending college in 2026. The exhibitor must provide college documentation, stating involvement in a college function. To be turned into the fair office by August 1st.**
4. **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Species-** It is an honor & privilege to be selected to represent the fair and your species barn as the overall Champion and Reserve Champion market project." Therefore, it is mandatory that each overall champion and reserve champion market species be housed in their designated pen area. *The overall champion and reserve must be in the designated pen area by 1pm the following day after their show.* Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification and removal from the fairgrounds. Also, a 1 Year suspension of exhibiting any market projects at the next year's fair will be enforced.
5. **County Bred-The Highest Placing Co Bred Animal in each class (Goat, Hog, Lamb or Steer) will come back following the selection of the division champion & reserve. To select a county bred representative from each division (if the division champion or reserve are county bred, then those animals automatically are the county bred representative from said division.) The division representatives will compete for the selection of their county bred animal(s), following the selection of the overall animal champion & reserve. (Unless the overall champion or reserve animal(s) are county bred.)**
6. ALL exhibitors are required to wear a collared shirt with sleeves and jeans or slacks. Jeans do not have to be dark colored jeans, but are not to have any holes or tears that show visible skin. Shirts must be long enough to stay tucked in through all parts of the show and must be loose fitting. Shirts must be buttoned, so that no inappropriate skin is showing. There will be no advertising on the shirts or pants. Shirts may only have 4-H/FFA Club name or official symbol on the front with nothing on the back of the shirt. No bare midriffs will be permitted. No sweats or yoga pants will be permitted.
7. Exhibitors must be present and have charge of their animal(s) at the time of judging, except for the following reasons.
 - a. Ill health
 - b. Family tragedy

In such a case, animals must be shown in conformation classes by another 4-H or FFA member; however, this member will not qualify for the showmanship contest. Attendance at school or athletic events is not considered an excuse for absence.

Exhibitors must notify the Washington County Agricultural Fair Jr. Market Livestock Committee prior to show of their illness or physical disability. Junior fair exhibitors with disabilities or injuries, wishing to exhibit their own animals but needing help, may do the following:

 - 1) Livestock being exhibited must be shown/handled by another 4-H or FFA member
 - 2) The exhibitor, themselves, may be aided by another 4-H or FFA member, a family member, or adult 4-H or FFA volunteer. Common sense rules apply to helping an able-bodied exhibitor having difficulty with an animal.
8. Members who cannot be present at time of sale must contact the fair office, to get approval from the Washington County Agricultural Fair Junior Market Livestock Committee, as early as possible prior to the sale. Members who must be at college on Sale days (Friday and Saturday) and cannot sell their animals must provide school documentation, prior to the sale.
9. At least 75% of the management and care is to be provided by the exhibitor. Members are encouraged to do their own fitting.
10. Members of the Washington County Agricultural Fair Junior Market Livestock Committee may visit projects throughout the feeding period. The right to cull animals before the show is reserved by the Livestock Committee. This will be done upon a majority vote of the committee.
11. All animals must meet the health requirements of the Washington County Agricultural Fair as listed in the premium book. All animals that

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require a **SCRAPIES & 840 RFID TAG, MUST HAVE IT PRIOR TO TAGGING OR WILL NOT BE TAGGED** for the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

12. All market livestock projects must remain in designated areas, and must not be penned with any breeding animals at any time. Designated areas are defined as appropriate barn or wash area of close proximity to those areas. At no time should a market livestock project be in the campground/exhibitor parking area or trailers.
13. All animals must be housed, fed, watered, cared for, maintained, and fitted for show and sale in their respective barns. Animal pens and stalls must be cleaned by 1:00 PM daily.
14. Animals consigned to the sale shall not receive any treatment with drugs or biologics within the withdrawal time period to slaughter. Withdrawal times for drugs and biologics are stated on the directions for use. If upon slaughter a carcass is condemned for any reason, including a recent treatment with drugs or biologics, it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to replace the carcass. Cryptorchids found at slaughter will be the responsibility of exhibitor to replace carcass.
15. All members are liable and responsible for the care and feeding of their animals until they are delivered to the packinghouse of the buyer's choice. **Market hog, lamb, and goat exhibitors are responsible for cleaning of their assigned pen at the fair. If the pen is not cleaned between 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2026, member will be assessed \$25.00. Loading of market animals will begin at 10:30 p.m., the evening of Saturday, August 22. No trailers hauling breeding animals or equipment will be allowed down the hill until 6:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Parents & family members are EXPECTED to help load animals and HAUL animals if asked. Check with barn superintendents for specific hauling procedures.**
16. The use of inhumane fitting, showing, and/or handling practices shall not be tolerated. For example, breaking of tails, striking of the animal to cause swelling or for bracing purposes, use of an electrical device, icing of lambs, or drenching of animals ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE PRACTICES and therefore will result in disqualification from the market show and sale!
 - a. *Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is prohibited except as permitted for a medical condition when diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian; & or direct supervision & documentation of the market barn superintendent. Drenching means the act of using an instrument, including a bottle, placed in the animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance (paste) Ex: Calf Calm, Ace ect.*
 - b. *The use of ice, ice packs, gel packs or other refrigerants (Ex: Cool Blue or True Blue, ect.) to alter the quality of the finish of an animal is prohibited. No ice will be allowed in buckets, blankets or towels. Only tap water may be sprayed or applied.*
17. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials during or after the competitive event (show) are prohibited. A 4-H/FFA member who shows poor sportsmanship will receive disciplinary action which may include the loss of show and/or sale privileges. Volunteers showing poor sportsmanship will be reprimanded and may be asked to relinquish their status as a volunteer and leave the grounds. Helpers and the general public may be asked to leave the grounds.
18. All 4-H and FFA participants must have an adult accompanying the member and animal from the barn to the show ring on both the day of show and the day of the sale, **however, only the exhibitor will be permitted in the show ring.** In the case of market hogs, however, the number of adults in the barn will be limited due to space constraints.
19. The Penn State extension office, Washington County Fair Jr. Market Livestock Committee and the Washington County Fair or Fair board and/or entities are not responsible for injury of animals. All Exhibitors along with their parents, must handle and hold their own animals while tagging.
20. There will be sale deductions on the gross amount due each exhibitor per animal to cover the market program expenses.

The Washington County Agricultural Fair Junior Market Livestock Committee reserves the right to make a ruling on all matters not covered by the above rules. Rules and regulations may be added or amended at the discretion of the Committee for the good of the show and sale. In matters pertaining to the Washington County Fair, the decision of the Washington County Agricultural Fair Junior Market Livestock Committee, in conjunction with the Washington County Fair Association, will be final.

Washington County Agricultural Fair Junior Market Livestock Committee

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Memorandum of Understanding between Washington County 4-H and Washington County FFA Chapters Concerning Exhibition of Livestock Projects

The following memorandum was developed by the Washington County Cooperative Extension Office and the FFA advisors from Washington County Vo-Ag Departments. The rules in this document are here to give clarity and guidance to 4-H and FFA members and families regarding projects within each organization and the resulting benefit of participation at fairs/exhibitions within the county of 4-H and/or FFA membership.

1. Members simultaneously enrolled in 4-H and FFA must have separate projects or animals for each program *during the same program year. The program year is October to September 30.* For example a member may carry a dairy project for FFA and 4-H as long as he or she uses different animal and project for each program. The goal of both organizations is youth education. Involvement in both programs should result in the enhancement of the educational experience.
2. Members cannot exhibit, within one county, the same product or individual animal in both FFA and 4-H divisions during one program year. Project records that inventory project or enterprise must accompany each article or animal when it is entered at an exhibit or fair.
3. If an impacted youth is a 4-H member, in one county, and an FFA member in a different county, the 4-H Educator and the FFA advisor, in the respective counties and schools, must give permission for the child to participate in both activities and must verify that different project animals and/or enterprises are being carried as projects in each respective county.

Ownership Projects Classified by Production Unit

The following livestock and crop categories have been agreed to be different “products” from each other based on production unit classification.

Dairy Cattle (including Replacement Heifers)

Breeding Beef Cattle; Market Beef Cattle; Beef Feeder Cattle Breeding

Poultry; Market Poultry

Rabbits; Market Rabbits Breeding

Swine; Market Swine Breeding

Sheep; Market Sheep

Dairy Goats, Breeding Meat Goats; Market Goats; Pygmy Goats

Fiber/Oil Crops; Floriculture; Grain; Landscape Management; Nursery Operations; Outdoor Recreation; Pomology;

Specialty Crops; Turf Grass; Vegetables; Viticulture

*Other project areas will be addressed as needed.

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Market Steer

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1. **ALL market steer project animals MUST be entered, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, on an entry form provided by the Washington County Agricultural Fair.**
2. All entries will consist of one steer and the option of a spare, if a swing spare is taken, it must be weighed in at both Washington Fair and West Alexander Fair weigh in dates. The spare may not be shown or sold through the sale. Immediate family members (brothers and/or sisters) may share a common spare steer if desired. Family Spare animals MUST be designated as such at the initial weigh-in. A family with 2 siblings may share no more than 1 common spare; 3 siblings may share no more than 2 common spares; 4 siblings may share no more than 3 common spares; etc., A swing spare animal may be used as a spare for both the Washington County and West Alexander fairs. The 4H/FFA member must designate which animal is the swing spare at the time of **initial** tagging. The swing spare may be shown at one fair only.
3. Steers may be purebred or crossbred. All steers must be castrated *and dehorned* by the **November 1, 2025 weigh-in. Weigh-in will be between 1:00 and 3:00pm at the fairgrounds. All steers must have an 840 RFID tag at initial tag in. Maximum weight at November's weigh-in is 900 lbs.** (effective September 2018)
4. Members and their parents/guardians must sign a waiver that says they (the member and his/her family) take responsibility for any injury caused by any steer horns and/or scurs and that 4-H, FFA, the Washington County Agricultural Fair Junior Market Livestock Committee, Penn State Cooperative Extension, and the Washington County Agricultural Fair are in no way liable. This waiver statement will be included on the original entry form used at the initial weigh-in. If a member and/or parent/guardian decline to sign the waiver, the member's steer will not be weighed and tagged.
5. **There will be a mandatory check-in for all steers on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am.*Note the Date Change due to the 2026 Easter holiday the 1st weekend in April. (Washington County Fairgrounds). This includes swing spares for West Alexander fair. Steers must be controlled, halter broke & able to lead at the Spring check in.**
6. **There will be a Mandatory Meeting for all market livestock exhibitors on Saturday August 15th, 2026 in the Show Arena at 9:00am. Failure to attend, will result in a "No Show" for the exhibitor's market livestock projects. With the exception of an exhibitor attending college in 2026. The exhibitor must provide college documentation, stating involvement in a college function. To be turned into the fair office by August 1st.**
7. County Bred-The Highest Placing Co Bred Steer in each class will come back following the selection of the division champion & reserve. To select a county bred steer representative from each division (if the division champion or reserve are county bred, then that steer is automatically the county bred representative from said division.) The division representatives will compete for the selection of the county bred steer, following the selection of the overall steer champion & reserve. (Unless the overall champion or reserve steer is county bred.)
8. Steers should be grain fed. Steers fed silage and/or haylage diets should be switched to a grain diet at least **90** days before the opening day of the fair.
9. Steers with two permanent teeth showing at the time of the show will automatically be disqualified.
10. **ALL STEERS will be weighed off the trailer at the fairgrounds between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. Friday, August 14, 2026. It is required (by PDA) to have health papers within 30 days of the event** All steers must weigh at least **1000 lbs.** All animals will be weighed dry and clean. Only one weigh-in across the scale at the fair weigh-in permitted. All spare and under-weight steers must be removed from the fairgrounds after weigh-in, August 14, 2026.
11. All market steer exhibitors must have their picture taken with their market steer prior to showing the animal.
12. All market steers in the show are automatically consigned to the market livestock sale.
13. There will be 3 weight divisions divided by weight, as nearly as possible, have equal numbers of steers in each class. To facilitate this process, the Jr. Market Livestock Committee will have the discretion to determine which class an animal will be shown (this may mean that animals of the same weight may be split between two classes).

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Market Hog

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1. **ALL market hog project animals MUST be entered, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, on an entry form provided by the Washington County Agricultural Fair.**
2. All entries will consist of one hog with the option of a spare, which is recommended. The spare may not be shown or sold through the sale. Immediate family members (brothers and/or sisters) may share a common spare hog if desired. Family Spare animals **MUST** be designated as such at the time of tagging. A family with 2 siblings may share no more than 1 common spare; 3 siblings may share no more than 2 common spares; 4 siblings may share no more than 3 common spares; etc., "A swing spare animal may be used as a spare for both the Washington County and West Alexander fairs. The 4H/FFA member must designate which animal is the swing spare at the time of tagging. The swing spare may be shown at one fair only."
3. Hogs may be purebred or crossbred gilts or barrows. All barrows must be castrated before they are tagged.
4. We must have (5) purebreds to make a purebred show; otherwise they will show with the crossbreds. (5 to 9 Purebreds) will be 1 class; (10 or more) will be at least 2 classes; or additional. There may be an AOB class of purebreds, dependent on entries.
5. **All hogs will be tagged Saturday, May 2, 2026, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., at the Washington County Fairgrounds.** At initial tagging – all non-essential tags will be cut out – only Washington County Junior Livestock tag and 840 RFID tag will be allowed in animal's ear. **All in state and out of state hogs must have an 840RFID tag at initial tag in. (Per rules of PA Dept of Ag)** All hogs will be tagged on the truck to reduce the risk of nose-to-nose or saliva-to-saliva contact. The member and parents are responsible for restraining the pigs while being tagged by a Committee member. **Absolutely no pigs will be tagged after May 2, 2026.** It is recommended that all pigs weigh between 50 and 70 lbs. at the time of tagging.
6. Pigs should be grain fed.
7. **ALL HOGS will be weighed off the trailer at the fairgrounds on Friday, August 14, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** All hogs must weigh at least **230 lbs., but no more than 300 lbs. Only one weigh-in across the scale at the fair weigh-in permitted.** All spare and over-or under-weight hogs must be removed from the fairgrounds Friday evening, August 14. All animals must be dry and clean at the time of weighing (i.e. no caked mud!). **It is required (PDA) to have health papers within 30 days of the event.** Each exhibitor may weigh only one hog at the final weigh-in for the fair. If that hog does not make weight, exhibitor may then weigh the second hog. Exhibitors may NOT weigh two hogs and then decide which will be shown.
8. **There will be a Mandatory Meeting for all market livestock exhibitors on Saturday August 15th, 2026 in the Show Arena at 9:00am. Failure to attend, will result in a "No Show" for the exhibitor's market livestock projects. With the exception of an exhibitor attending college in 2026. The exhibitor must provide college documentation, stating involvement in a college function. To be turned into the fair office by August 1st.**
9. **County Bred-The Highest Placing Co Bred Hog in each class will come back following the selection of the division champion & reserve. To select a county bred representative from each division (if the division champion or reserve are county bred, then that hog is automatically the county bred representative from said division.) The division representatives will compete for the selection of the county & reserve bred hog, following the selection of the overall hog champion & reserve. (Unless the overall champion & reserve hog is county bred.)**
10. All market hogs in the show are automatically consigned to the market livestock sale.
11. There will be 4 divisions with equal number of classes divided by weights, as nearly as possible, to have equal numbers of pigs in each class. To facilitate this process, the Jr. Market Livestock Committee will have the discretion to determine which class an animal will be shown (this may mean that animals of the same weight may be split between two classes).
12. All hogs must walk naturally & freely to scales, livestock shows and livestock sales. There will be no wheel barrowing, pushing or any other means to get the hog to his/her destination.
13. **All market hog exhibitors will be responsible for their own water source for the market hogs. There will not be a water nozzle system in the individual pens.**

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Market Lamb

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1. ALL market lamb project animals MUST be entered, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, on an entry form provided by the Washington County Agricultural Fair.
2. All entries will consist of one lamb with the option of a spare, which is recommended. The spare may not be shown or sold through the sale. Immediate family members (brothers and/or sisters) may share a common spare lamb if desired. Family Spare animals MUST be designated as such at the initial tag-in. A family with 2 siblings may share no more than 1 common spare; 3 siblings may share no more than 2 common spares; 4 siblings may share no more than 3 common spares; etc. "A swing spare animal may be used as a spare for both the Washington County and West Alexander fairs. The 4H/FFA member must designate which animal is the swing spare at the time of initial tagging. The swing spare may be shown at one fair only."
3. Lambs may be purebred or crossbred wethers or ewes. All wethers must be castrated by tag-in. All lambs must be docked by tag-in.
4. Lambs will be tagged on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Washington County Fairgrounds. All lambs Do Not Need be completely slick shorn at the initial tag-in, but it is recommended. It is recommended, but not mandatory, that lambs weigh less than 65 lbs. at the initial tag-in. Lambs will not be weighed. At initial tagging – all tags will be cut out – only Junior Livestock tag and scrapie tag will be allowed in animal's ear. ALL lambs to be exhibited, MUST be identified with official USDA scrapie identification by initial tag in, or will not be tagged for the fair.
5. Lambs must be grain fed.
6. Lambs must not have yearling teeth at the time of the show or will automatically be disqualified. All lamb teeth will be checked during final weigh in Friday August 14th, 2026.
7. ALL LAMBS will be weighed off the truck at the fairgrounds on Friday, August 14, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All lambs must weigh at least 95 lbs., but no more than 165 lbs. Only one weigh-in across the scale at the fair weigh-in permitted. All lambs will be weighed dry and clean. Lambs must be shorn with a ¼ (quarter inch) or less of fleece. A credit card will be used to measure each lambs' fleece. All spare and under-weight lambs must be removed from the fairgrounds Friday evening, August 14. No penning of lambs until they have been weighed.
8. There will be a Mandatory Meeting for all market livestock exhibitors on Saturday August 15th, 2026 in the Show Arena at 9:00am. Failure to attend, will result in a "No Show" for the exhibitor's market livestock projects. With the exception of an exhibitor attending college in 2026. The exhibitor must provide college documentation, stating involvement in a college function. To be turned into the fair office by August 1st.
9. County Bred-The Highest Placing Co Bred Lamb in each class will come back following the selection of the division champion & reserve. To select a county bred representative from each division (if the division champion or reserve are county bred, then that lamb is automatically the county bred representative from said division.) The division representatives will compete for the selection of the county bred lamb, following the selection of the overall lamb champion & reserve. (Unless the overall champion or reserve lamb is county bred.)
10. It is required (PDA) to have health papers within 30 days of the event.
11. Each exhibitor may weigh only one lamb at the final weigh-in for the fair. If that lamb does not make weight, exhibitor may then weigh the second lamb. Exhibitors may NOT weigh two lambs and then decide which will be shown.
12. All market lamb exhibitors must have their picture taken with their market lamb prior to showing the animal.
13. All market lambs in the show are automatically consigned to the market livestock sale.
14. There will be four 4 divisions divided by weights to, as nearly as possible, have equal numbers of lambs in each class. To facilitate this process, the Jr. Market Livestock Committee will have the discretion to determine which class an animal will be shown (this may mean that animals of the same weight may be split between two classes).

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Market Goat

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1. **ALL market goat project animals MUST be entered, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, on an entry form provided by the Washington County Agricultural Fair.**
2. All entries will consist of one goat with the option of a spare, which is recommended. The spare may not be shown or sold through the sale. Immediate family members (brothers and/or sisters) may share a common spare goat if desired. Family Spare animals MUST be designated as such at the initial tag-in. A family with 2 siblings may share no more than 1 common spare; 3 siblings may share no more than 2 common spares; 4 siblings may share no more than 3 common spares; etc.
3. Goats may be purebred or crossbred doe or wether goats. All goats may be either dis-budded or horned and must be castrated by the initial (*May 2*) tag-in. Goats will not be weighed. Goats will be identified with an eartag at the tag-in (LaMancha goats must have a tail tattoo). **ALL goats to be exhibited, MUST be identified with official USDA scrapie identification by initial tag in or will not be tagged for the fair.** There will be no announcing of registration papers on any purebred goats at the market livestock sale.
4. Members and their parents/guardians must sign a waiver that says they (the member and his/her family) take responsibility for any injury caused by the goat horns and that 4-H, FFA, the Washington County Ag Fair Junior Market Livestock Committee, Penn State Cooperative Extension, and the Washington County Agricultural Fair is in no way liable. This waiver statement will be included on the original entry form used at the initial (May) tag-in. If a member and/or parent/guardian declines to sign the waiver, the member's goat will not be tagged.
5. Goats will be tagged on **Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Washington County Fairgrounds.** It is recommended, but not mandatory, that goats weigh more than 40 lbs. at the initial tag-in. At initial tagging – all tags will be cut out – only Washington County Junior Livestock tag and scrapie tag will be allowed in animal's ear. **ALL goats to be exhibited, MUST be identified with official USDA scrapie identification by initial tag in, or will not be tagged for the fair.**
6. **Goats must not have yearling teeth at the time of the show or will automatically be disqualified. All goat teeth will be checked during final weigh in Friday August 14th, 2026.**
7. **ALL GOATS will be weighed off the truck at the fairgrounds on Friday, August 14, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All goats must weigh at least 70 lbs but no more than 120 lbs.** Only one weigh-in across the scale at the fair weigh-in permitted. All animals will be weighed dry and clean. All spare and under-weight goats must be removed from the fairgrounds Friday evening, August 14th.
8. **There will be a Mandatory Meeting for all market livestock exhibitors on Saturday August 15th, 2026 in the Show Arena at 9:00am. Failure to attend, will result in a "No Show" for the exhibitor's market livestock projects. With the exception of an exhibitor attending college in 2026. The exhibitor must provide college documentation, stating involvement in a college function. To be turned into the fair office by August 1st.**
9. **County Bred-The Highest Placing Co Bred Goat in each class will come back following the selection of the division champion & reserve. To select a county bred representative from each division (if the division champion or reserve are county bred, then that goat is automatically the county bred representative from said division.) The division representatives will compete for the selection of the county bred goat, following the selection of the overall goat champion & reserve. (Unless the overall champion or reserve goat is county bred.)**
10. At the time of the show, all market goats should still have their first teeth. Any goat showing yearling teeth will be disqualified.
11. **It is required (by PDA) to have health papers within 30 days of the event.**
12. Each exhibitor may weigh only one goat at the final weigh-in for the fair. If that goat does not make weight, exhibitor may then weigh the second goat. Exhibitors may NOT weigh two goats and then decide which will be shown.
13. All market goat exhibitors must have their picture taken with their market goat prior to showing the animal.
14. All Market Goats in each class are automatically consigned to the Market Livestock Sale.
15. There will be four divisions, divided by weights to, as nearly as possible, have equal numbers of goats in each class. To facilitate this process, the Washington County Junior Livestock Committee will have the discretion to determine which class an animal will be shown (this may mean that animals of the same weight may be split between two classes).

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Market Rabbit Pens

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1. ALL market rabbit pens MUST be entered, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, on an entry form provided by the Washington County Agricultural Fair.
2. An entry consists of 3 rabbits all the same breed and variety at the time of show. Rabbits must be no more than 10 weeks of age at the time of the show.
3. *Rabbits must be bred May 10 or after* (100 days before the day of show at Washington County Agricultural Fair). Exhibitor may breed up to and including 3 does for the meat rabbit pen project. Member must own the doe(s) at time of breeding. Tattoo number of all does **must** appear on the entry form submitted at the beginning of the project.
4. **Entry forms are due in the Fair office by April 3, 2026.**
5. Each exhibitor may tattoo no more than 10 rabbits at six (6) weeks of age for the meat rabbit pen project. **All rabbits will be tattooed on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, (approximately 6 weeks of age) from 5:30 to 7:00 PM** in Hall 5, at the Washington County Fair. Tattoo numbers will be assigned by the Extension office; and tattoo symbols will change each year.
6. **All meat pens on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, will be weighed from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Judging will begin at 9:00 AM. Each rabbit in the pen must weigh between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds, inclusive.** Each member may bring one spare rabbit to the fairgrounds to replace one that does not meet the weight requirements. The pen will be disqualified if any one rabbit is disqualified because of breed or weight.

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8. If one or more rabbits in a pen die before the sale, that pen is automatically disqualified from the sale.

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