

## 2021 LIVESTOCK DIVISION RULES

**ALL RULES/REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC!**

**CHAIRPERSONS: JANICE LUIKART, 304-937-2687 TIM KING, 304-586-0843**

Livestock must conform with the State of West Virginia Department of Agriculture Health Regulations for livestock are subject to change. The Fair Board Representative will review health papers for all animals before animal is unloaded at the Fair. All livestock must be gentle and halter broke, trained and ready to show. For feeder cattle and steers, the ability to handle the animal must be demonstrated in the show ring to the committee chairperson, or other approved Livestock committee member, before the animal can be shown.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board of Directors can appoint a Standards of Practice Committee. The charge of this committee will be to:

- A. Define unethical practices as broadly stated in the general rules as any act that alters confirmation, handling or behavior of the animal or any act by the exhibitor or his/ her representative or family that may intimidate, influence, threaten, or abuse show or sale officials, directors, judges or fellow exhibitors.
- B. Monitor or investigate any unethical practices that may be observed or alleged. No chemical substances/drugs are to be fed or injected into any animal exhibit without the approval and supervision of the Putnam County Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Chairman.
- C. Have the final authority to deal with that situation (this may include, but not be limited to, close physical inspection, random, or selective blood testing or other testing) which may, by the determination of the committee, result in barring or disqualifying of livestock from the show and/or disqualification of exhibitor from that year's event and/or future year's events.

The Board of Directors or any sponsoring agency may not reverse decisions by the Standards and Practices Committee during that year's event.

### **ANIMAL HEALTH**

If in the event an animal is sick or has to be removed for any reason, that animal or a replacement cannot be brought back to the fair. The decision to remove an animal from the fairground will be made by the Livestock chairpersons. This will happen upon great consideration of the chairpersons, executive committee, veterinarian and/or USDA inspector.

If an animal dies while at the Fair, it is the loss of the 4-H/FFA exhibitors project. The fair will not be responsible for replacing that animal.

### **FEEDING**

Feed and equipment shall not be stored in such a way as to hinder viewing of animals or block aisles. All livestock is to be kept from the front of the barn back and inside the road.

Animals must not be fed nor watered before registration weigh-in. No weight deduction will be made from live-weight. Official weigh-in will be as animal comes off vehicle at registration.

All exhibitors must provide feed and feed pans for their animals. **All animals must be watered and fed at least twice each day the animal is on the fairgrounds.** Animals are the responsibility of their exhibitor until the animal is removed from the fairgrounds. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to see this is done until the animal has left the grounds after the sale. Animals' stalls must be cleaned at least twice each day including the last day of the fair and again after the animals are removed on Sunday. If an exhibitor's stall is not cleaned, \$50.00 will be deducted from his/her check. Failure to properly care for or mistreatment or any animal being exhibited shall result in forfeiture of any awards and disqualification from future participation. All exhibitors must have 4-H enrollment card on file with the WVU Extension office by January 1<sup>st</sup> of fair year and FFA members must have active membership status.

No steroids of any type will be permitted. If animals are found to have been given steroids, the 4-H/FFA exhibitor will be forfeit their ability to show/sale livestock at the Putnam County Fair. The livestock committee asks that for safety purposes, that only standard box fans be used in the barn.

## **CARE**

This project is the 4-H/FFA exhibitor's project and they are required to feed, water and clean the stall. Parents and guardians are prohibited from doing these activities for the exhibitor. If there is a problem and the exhibitor cannot do these chores, then the livestock committee needs to know. The exhibitor may ask another exhibitor to assist them for that time and later return the favor. The barn area must be cleaned before opening of the fair each day.

## **GROOMING**

Grooming is not required; however, if you choose to groom your animal you must follow the following guidelines:

- Animals' natural appearance may not be altered in any way.
- You may not use hair/skins dyes or any product that will change the color, or modify the color, of the hair of your animal.
  - Examples of prohibited items:
  - Baby powder, colored show foam, dyes, fake hair, hair extensions, zipties, injections, shoe polish, colored show adhesives, and etc.
- All products must be safe for the animal and cannot harm it in any way. You may not feed or use products that have a withdrawal period.
- All products must be removed immediately after show/sale with the appropriate product.
  - Many of these products can cause hair loss and will cause hay/sawdust to stick to the animal. This is a bad public representation of our livestock; therefore, will not be tolerated.

- If you are not sure a product is legal to use or not, do not use it.
- If you do not know how to use the product correctly, you should probably not use it.
- Anyone caught not following the above rules, will not be permitted to show/sale at the Putnam County Fair at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Exhibitors can receive help from current Putnam County Fair 4-H/FFA members only. A parent/guardian/adult must be present during grooming for safety purposes, but the parent/guardian/adult may not assist with grooming.
- The livestock committee has the right to cancel all grooming due to any safety reasons.
- Exhibitors will be washing all animals (except hogs) in the designated wash bay area.
- Grooming chutes will be permitted at the far end of the goat barn only.

## WORMING

All animals must be wormed prior to the fair. Types of wormers, and dates they should be wormed by, will be provided during tagging.

## DRESS CODE

The required 4-H show and sale dress code of blue/black jeans, and white button-up shirt will be strictly enforced. FFA dress code consists of white collared shirt, FFA jacket, blue jeans, and boots for the sale, and FFA polo, jeans, and boots for the show. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of privilege to participate (show/sell) in the future. The exhibitor's assigned entry number must be displayed in the ring when showing livestock. Shirts are to be tucked into jeans. No midriff showing. Neither hats nor gum chewing when showing. No tobacco use allowed. **No jewelry to be worn in show ring (only stud earrings permitted.)**

## SHOWING ANIMALS

All animals must be shown by the owner. In the event of an injury, to an exhibitor while the shows in progress, the division chairperson shall select a 4-H/FFA youth to show the animal for the injured exhibitor.

A 4-H or FFA member may be excused from showing his/her own animal and still allowed to sell in the event of a medical emergency, family emergency, or another approved 4-H/FFA Event. The Executive Committee will make the decision regarding excusing a student.

**To ensure the opportunity for 4-H/FFA livestock show exhibitors to finish fitting on their own, it is required that all adults adopt a "hands off" policy on show day.** This is not to mean that parents, extension workers, or other volunteers may not supervise these exhibitors. Any exhibitor may receive assistance in moving his/her animals to and from show areas. The exhibitor is expected to be present and to be the caretaker and handler of their 4-H livestock project animal.

In all situations, the livestock chairperson will have the right to excuse any animal in either 4-H/FFA or open classes of livestock that he/she feels could create a hazard of danger to itself, exhibitors, spectators and/or other animals on the fairgrounds. The Livestock

Committee Chair will dismiss any animal from the fairgrounds which is deemed to be “extremely” over or under weight.

**Only one livestock animal may be shown at the fair. If you have signed up for two animals, you must decide which animal will be shown. One species will be tagged on tag-in day. The backup animal will be tagged, but must be of the same species.**

### **Showmanship**

**All exhibitors are required to participate in Showmanship in their respective classes to be eligible to sell. Exceptions to this policy must be requested in writing to the 4-H Extension Agent or FFA Advisor, and will only be granted in situations of death in immediate family, serious illness, or another 4-H/FFA event taking place at the same time.**

- The exhibitors in the showmanship contest will be divided by age into the following groups:
  - A. Junior: 9 years old and may not have reached his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the present year.
  - B. Senior: 14 years old or older on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the present livestock year.The Junior and Senior winner for each species will be allowed to participate in Master Showmanship.

### **Master Showmanship**

- **Master showmanship will be divided into Junior and Senior division.**
- **The participants will compete in showmanship with a: rabbit, sheep, goat, hog and feeder steer/heifer.**
- **The participants will draw a number from a hat to determine which animal he/she will show.**
- **The participant will be given the necessary show supplies that accompany the animal he/she is showing.**
- **The judge will judge each species showmanship class separately and then the scores will be added together to determine the winner.**
- **There will be one winner in the Junior division and one winner in the Senior division.**

### **REGISTRATION**

**Three percent of gross sales will be collected by the Fair for the initial sale of each animal sold.** Entries must be in strict compliance with the entry requirements as listed in the Fair catalog.

**4-H members must be an active member of a Putnam County 4-H Club enrolled through the County Extension Office and all FFA exhibitors must be an active member of a Putnam County FFA group. In order to start exhibiting livestock at the Putnam County Fair, the exhibitor must be 9 or older by September 30, 2021. Livestock exhibitors who have the birthday of October 1, 1998 – September 30, 1999 are no longer allowed to participate because he/she has reached their 22 birthday within that range.**

In cases where exhibitors raise a “back-up” animal project, they must select the one they intend to show prior to registering at the Fair. The project animal across the scales for weigh-in is the one that will be eligible for the show. Bring only one project animal to fair for weigh-in on registration day.

All animals must be registered with the appropriate 4-H/FFA advisor before tagging date.

## **JUDGING**

All Market Saleable Shows will be judged under the DANISH SYSTEM. The Danish System is where each exhibit is judged on its own merit. By judging this way, if every exhibit is worthy of a blue ribbon, they will receive it. Depending on the exhibit, they could be all blue or red or white, but every exhibit will receive a ribbon.

Animals may be divided into two or more classes depending upon the numbers present such as Heavy Weight, Lightweight, etc. These animals will be assigned to class in such a manner as to make the classes approximately equal in numbers. In all classes of livestock, the judge’s decision will be final. All livestock shows will be videotaped.

Showmanship classes will be divided into JR/SR divisions. Showman will then receive a Blue, Red, or White ribbon. From the individuals in the blue class, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will be awarded for each division.

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion.....Banner

Reserve Champion.....Banner

Blue Rosette.....\$5.00

Red Rosette.....\$4.00

White Rosette.....\$3.00

## **SELLING ANIMAL**

Any exhibitor not wishing to sell his/her animal must notify the Livestock Chairman, 4-H agent, and FFA Advisor (in writing) by the day the animals are registered. In the event the animal is judged Grand or Reserve, the animal must be sold. 4-H/FFA exhibitors are instructed not to solicit return of purchased animals from the purchaser. Any exhibitor who agrees to sell an animal at the auction, must agree not to ask the buyer or buyers an any time, before, during, or after the auction for the return of the animal. Under no circumstances should a for sale sign be placed on a livestock pen promoting the sale of the animal. Any exhibitor doing this will forfeit his/her privilege to participate in the program the

following year. Buyers are being instructed to notify Fair Board members if this occurs.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO BUYERS**

Any buyer participating in the 4-H/FFA annual auction who has not paid for auction purchase(s) after 60 days will automatically be placed in collection with the Putnam County Magistrate system. Any person or persons involved in this procedure will not be permitted to participate in subsequent 4-H/FFA auctions

**ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP IN 4-H ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY MUST COMPLETE THE 4-H VOLUNTEER PROCESS TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROGRAMS INVOLVING 4-H. HOW ANIMALS WILL BE SOLD**

1. Animals are auction by the pound during livestock sale. For example, a bid of \$1.00 on a 100-pound animal means you are prepared to pay \$100.00.
2. Every saleable animal will sell one time.
3. Animals offered for resale will be sold on paper at the end of the sale on a rotational basis in order as they appear on the sale sheets. If the animal for resale does not sell, the animal will be sent to market and the proceeds will go into the fair general fund. **Each 4-H/FFA animal will only be re-sold one time.**

**Check for market animals are usually ready around 1 month from the sale date,**

**After the livestock sale, the Putnam County Fair will be responsible for replacing the animal for the buyer in the event that something happens to it while on the fairgrounds. Once the animal leaves the fairgrounds, it becomes the responsibility of the slaughterhouse and/or buyer. Animal will only be delivered to slaughterhouses listed on the sales receipt.**

## **WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY**

The designated weights for animals will be the weights required to achieve to show and sell the animal. 4-H/FFA exhibitors whose market livestock projects do not meet the required weight will be allowed to keep the animal on the fairgrounds until the day of the Showmanship Contest to give the youth the opportunity to participate in Showmanship. The animal must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately following the Showmanship contest. Underweight animals will not be sold, with the exception of Ewe and Me Projects. Overweight animals will be placed at the bottom of their class and automatically awarded a white ribbon. They will be placed at the end of the sale order and they will sell at the top weight for that species. For example, if your hog weighs 290 pounds, the buyer will purchase the hog at 285, since this is the top weight.

## **4-H/FFA HOME GROWN AWARD**

**An award will be given to the exhibitor who has the highest placing “Home Grown” animal in each division. The animal must have been born and raised on the exhibitor’s farm and registered with the 4-H office or with the FFA Advisor when registration papers are**

**due.** Awards will be given out during show and announced during the sale.

### **Special Announcements:**

- All Kids-Kid Goat and Sheep must be accompanied by a Honor Flock Certificate. Goats used for the Kids-Kid Goat show must be weathers and nannies only.
- All 4-H Paperwork and concerns should be addressed with the 4-H Advisor.
- All FFA Paperwork and concerns should be addressed with the FFA Advisor.
- All animal concerns should be addressed with the Livestock Chairman for the species.
- During weigh-in at the fair, the barn is closed unless you are unloading.
- Market animals will be sold at the Jackson County Regional Livestock Market on Saturday; therefore, there is a chance your animal could leave the fair grounds on Saturday.
- Parking passes will be numbered, so we can call names if vehicles need moved. **PLEASE REFER TO NEW PARKING GUIDELINES THAT WILL BE POSTED ON THE FAIR'S FACEBOOK PAGE.**
- **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO CLEAN OUT YOUR PENS AFTER YOUR ANIMAL LEAVES. PLEASE CLEAN YOUR STALL BEFORE 10AM ON SUNDAY MORNING. ANYONE NOT CLEANING OUT THEIR PEN AND HAVING IT SIGNED OFF BY THE CHAIRPERSON WILL HAVE A \$50 CLEANING FEE DEDUCTED FROM THEIR CHECK.**

### **IMPORTANT DATES AND TIME**

#### Tagging May 8<sup>TH</sup>

- 8:00-12:00
- All hogs will go through the barn.
- All other animals will go around the side of the barn.
- **DO NOT SHOW UP IF YOUR ANIMAL IS SICK! CALL THE CHAIRPERSON.**
- Only one livestock animal may be shown at the fair. If you have signed up for two animals, you must decide which animal will be shown. One species will be tagged on tag-in day. The backup animal will be tagged, but must be of the same species. Fair Weigh-in
- July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:00-7:00
- Mandatory Meeting at 8:00PM

#### Show Dates

- Pet Show- Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 5:30pm
- Rabbit Show- Sunday July 11, 2021 at 2:00pm
- Egg/Poultry Show- Sunday July 11, 2021 at 3:00pm
- Kids-Kid Show-Sunday July 11, 2021 at 4:00
- Meat Goat Show- Sunday July 11, 2021 at 5:00
- Ewe and Me and Market Lambs-Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 7:00
- Hogs- Monday, July 12, 2021 at 8:00PM (Showmanship Tuesday Morning at 9:00 am)
- Steers-Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30PM
- Feeders (Steers and Heifers)-Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 6:30
- Master Showmanship Thursday July 15, 2021 at 6:30

### Sale Date

- Livestock Sale Friday, July 18, 2021
- Auction starts at 5:00
- Sale Order
  - Ewe and Me
  - Feeders and Heifers
  - Rabbits
  - Poultry
  - Hogs
  - Goats
  - Steers
  - Lambs

## Market Hogs 2021

Jake Stone 373-9802

Joey Goldizen 541-5280

### Rules:

1. All entries in the market hog division must be registered with the 4-H agent or FFA advisor by May 1<sup>st</sup>. However, the exhibitor must be registered with the 4-H agent or FFA advisor by January 1<sup>st</sup> of fair year.
2. All hogs must meet the requirements of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture health regulations (out of state hogs must have a Certified Veterinary Inspection before crossing state lines **and an USDA approved official ID tag**).
3. Market hogs must be born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> the present year.
4. The division chairman will assign hogs to stalls.
5. Any breed will be eligible for the market hog class.
6. Market hogs must weigh 200lbs. to 285lbs. (**Anything over 285lbs will sale at 285lbs and will be placed last in the sale order with a white ribbon.**)
7. No boars will be eligible.
8. No bedding of any type will be used in pens.
9. All stalls must be cleaned several times daily and before the exhibitor leaves the fairgrounds at the end of fair.
10. All stalls must be cleaned by 10am on Sunday or \$50 will be deducted from your check.
11. Please follow grooming guidelines found in livestock general rules.

## Market Lamb 2021

Missy Dudding 550-6741

Leanne Call 552-0461

### Rules:



1. Market lambs must be under the exhibitor's ownership by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Ear tagging will be immediately after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Ear tag number must be on entry form for each exhibitor. Each animal must be a 4-H/FFA market lamb.
2. Market lambs must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup>. However, the exhibitor must be registered in the 4- H/FFA office by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the fair year.
3. **Required weight: 90-145 pounds (Anything over will sale at 145lbs and will be placed last in the sale order with a white ribbon.)**
4. Only one market lamb may be shown and sold by an exhibitor.
5. Market lambs must be skin clipped before weigh-in day.
6. Lambs must be fully/totally castrated (if male). Rams are not eligible.
7. If an animal prolapses while at the fair, the Executive Board reserves the right to have the animal removed from the fair. The Executive Board will determine if they are still eligible for sale.
8. All lambs must be tagged with an official USDA scrapie tracking ear tag.
9. Market lambs should only be shown without a halter or with a regular sheep halter (no dog collars will be permitted.)
10. Senior division market lamb exhibitors will show without a halter. Junior exhibitors may choose how they wish to show. Special accommodations will be given by the approval of the FFA Advisor, or the 4-H agent.
11. **Muzzles are prohibited during the fair.**
12. All stalls must be cleaned by 10am on Sunday or \$50 will be deducted from your check.
13. **Please follow grooming guidelines found in general fair rules.**

## **Meat Goat 2021**

**Mary King 586-0843**

**Mitchell King 541-2762**

### Rules:

1. Meat goats entering must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> and before March 15th of fair year.
2. All goats must have a USDA scrapies tag.
3. Goats should be 75% or more Boer, Kiko, Spanish, or other meat breed.
4. Goats must be fully castrated before tagging.
5. Goats may have horns. May be "tipped" if necessary.
6. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds to be sold at the fair. Goats weighing under 60 pounds may show in showmanship to finish his/her project and will be released to go home immediately following.
7. Maximum weight is 115 pounds. Animals that weigh more than 115 may still show and sell at the fair; however, they will receive white ribbons and sell for 115 pounds.
8. All stalls must be cleaned by 10am on Sunday or \$50 will be deducted from your check.
9. Please refer to grooming guidelines in livestock general rules.

**Dairy Goats/Kids-Kid Show Donna Briscoe 757-9046**

# **Feeder Calves and Heifers (functional) 2021**

**Kelsey Gatens 304-395-1578**

## **Market Feeder Calves**

1. Weight of feeder calf must be between 300lbs and 600lbs. Anything over will sell at 600 lbs and will be placed in last place of the sale with a white ribbon.
2. Calf must be born between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the calf is shown.
3. Calf must be fully/totally castrated, healed/completely dried up and dehorned before tagging day, which is immediately after May 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Calf must be weaned and started on dry feed.
5. Calf must be halter broke.
6. Calf must not be more than 25% dairy breeding.
7. All calves must be doubled tied while in the stall at the fair.
8. There must be 3 or more feeder calves in the show, or they will be shown in a combined class with the replacement heifers.
9. All stalls must be cleaned by 10am on Sunday or \$50 will be deducted from your check.
10. Please follow grooming guidelines found in general fair rules.

## **Heifers (functional)**

1. Weight of feeder heifer must be between 300lbs and 600lbs. Anything over will sell at 600 lbs and will be placed in last place of the sale with a white ribbon.
2. Calf must be born between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the calf is shown.
3. Calf must be dehorned before tagging day, which is immediately after May 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Calf must be weaned and started on dry feed.
5. Calf must be halter broke.
6. Calf must not be more than 25% dairy breeding.
7. All calves must be doubled tied while in the stall at the fair.
8. There must be 3 or more feeder heifers in the show, or they will be shown in a combined class with the feeder steers.
9. Please follow grooming guidelines found in general fair rules.

# **Market Steer 2021**

Jeremy Grant 939-3901

Shane Ervin 543-7404

**ALL INDIVIDUALS SHOWING A CALF PROJECT MUST PRACTICE AT LEAST 2 TIMES IN THE SHOW AREA IN FRONT OF A PUTNAM COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK CHAIRPERSON. THIS MUST BE DONE ON 2 SEPARATE OCCASIONS. EXHIBITORS WHO CANNOT CONTROL THEIR ANIMAL WILL BE ASKED TO REMOVE THE ANIMAL FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS.**

Rules:

1. In order to show or sell at the Putnam County Fair, all 4-H/FFA youth and their steers must be properly registered with the 4-H agent or FFA advisor by January 1<sup>st</sup> of fair year. Steers/calves must be tagged on date set forth by the livestock committee.
2. Steers must not have been born before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year. The fair officials reserve the right to have the age of the animal checked by a qualified person.
3. Only one steer/calf may be shown and sold by a single exhibitor. Animals will be sold in the order in which they placed in the show (starting with grand champion) at public auction by the pound to the highest bidder.
4. Required weight: 800 lbs. and up
5. Market steers/calves must have a halter and be on a rope at all fair activities.
6. Market steers/calves must be dehorned and fully castrated before January 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. **Market steers** must be dried up completely before tagging date.
8. All stalls must be cleaned by 10am on Sunday or \$50 will be deducted from your check.
9. Please refer to general rules for grooming regulations.

## Market Rabbit 2021

Millie Kimble 654-1920     Jodie Page 654-8530

### Pen of 3

#### Rules:

1. One class per entry.
2. A class will consist of three (3) rabbits all the same breed, color, and variety.
3. Age limit not over 10 weeks.
4. Rabbits must weigh at least 3 lbs. each to be eligible.
5. Maximum weight is 5 lbs. If any rabbit in the pen weighs more than the maximum weight, the entire pen is eliminated.
6. If any rabbit in the pen is disqualified, then the whole pen is disqualified.
7. All rabbits must be weighed in the presence of the market rabbit chairpersons.
8. The exhibitor must have market rabbits as a 4-H/FFA project.
9. The market pen is to be raised from a doe or does owned by the exhibitor by March 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.
10. You are not permitted to buy bunnies for the market pen. You must raise them.
11. Commercial meat type rabbits such as New Zealands, Californians, Satins, Champaign Deargent, etc. should be used.
12. Does should be bred April 4<sup>th</sup> in order to have rabbits the correct age by fair time.
13. Each market rabbit exhibitor must participate in the showmanship class.
14. All rabbits need to be treated for ear mites 2 weeks prior to fair.
15. Please follow grooming guidelines found in general fair rules.