

RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE FARM SHOW WILL NOT MAIL PREMIUM (PRIZE) CHECKS.

IF YOU CANNOT PICK UP AT THE DESIGNATED TIMES, PLEASE DROP OFF A LONG (#10) SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE IN THE FARM SHOW OFFICE BEFORE OR DURING SHOW WEEK. CHECKS MUST BE CASHED BY SEPTEMBER 30 OR THEY BECOME NULL AND VOID.

IF ALL GOES WELL, PREMIUM CHECKS WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN ANNOUNCED SATURDAY OF SHOW WEEK AT THE OFFICE AND FROM 1 PM TO 2 PM ON SUNDAY NEAR THE ARTS & CRAFTS BUILDING. CHECKS AND UNCLAIMED ITEMS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE FARM SHOW OFFICE FROM NOON TO 6 PM TUESDAY, AUG. 13, OR WED., AUG. 14, OR BY APPOINTMENT (CALL 724-482-4000). ITEMS WILL ONLY BE KEPT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30.

1. The Board of Directors of the Butler Farm Show has the right to accept or refuse any entries.
2. All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of Butler Farm Show. The show management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.
3. NO alcoholic beverages, firearms, drugs, dogs or pets permitted on the grounds. (Only registered service dogs are admitted.) Persons using alcohol or other controlled substances will be expelled from the grounds. Minors caught drinking will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
4. Exhibitors will comply with all directions given by a Director, Farm Show Official or any police or security officer. Failure to immediately comply with the directions will be cause for the exhibitor to be disqualified and be prohibited from entering any future Butler Farm Show exhibitions or shows.
5. All exhibits will be shown under the direction of the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors and the appointed representative or department superintendents. The Butler Farm Show reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations governing the show and will make decisions based on interpretation of the rules as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the show. All interpretations and decisions will be final.
6. The exhibitor agrees to and shall assume all risks of injury to people and/or animals and/or damage to any property.
7. Violations of the rules or conduct contrary to the best interest of the Butler Farm Show will not be permitted. Exhibitors or others who persist in such violations or conduct will be asked to remove their exhibits and to leave the grounds. No fees or charges will be refunded and premiums will not be paid in such cases.
8. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to present a plainly-marked entry tab showing the name of the exhibit they are entering. **Any item entered in the wrong category will be disqualified**, but the judges will mark the correct name of the entry on the tag for the benefit of the owner. **If there is a category listed for an entered item, the item may NOT be entered in "Other."** If award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate, free of charge, at the close of the show.

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9. **Protests for any violation of the rules may be made to the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors by an exhibitor or their designated representative. All protests must be presented, in writing, to the Butler Farm Show Office within 24 hours of the alleged violation. A \$100.00 cash deposit must accompany all protests. Following investigation into the alleged violation, the \$100.00 deposit will be returned to the exhibitor if the protest is upheld. If the protest is denied, the \$100.00 fee is non-refundable. The decision of the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors regarding a protest shall be final and considered accepted by all exhibitors. Video footage, recorded by individuals, will not be reviewed as evidence in a protest situation.**
10. LATE ENTRIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED in any department. NO EXCUSES - NO EXCEPTIONS. Check the entry time for each department you are entering and be on time.
11. Exhibitors must have an exhibitor's number. It starts with the initial of your last name and must be included when you write your number on entries. Call the office by the Friday before the show to obtain a new number or to retrieve your number from previous years. Use the same exhibitor's number for everything you enter in every department. Entries may be disqualified if the exhibitor's number, name and city are not on the tag.
12. All exhibits and exhibitors will be ready at 9:00 AM on the first day of show, except where judging is occurring.
13. Every precaution will be taken to protect the exhibits on display from injury and damage, but the Farm Show cannot, in any way, be held responsible for accidents, damage to or loss of property by water, fire, theft, or whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss.
14. **Exhibits and/or exhibitors leaving the show early without permission will NOT receive premium checks; they will FORFEIT all award money, and next year's participation will be at the discretion of the board.**
15. Premiums as listed may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. Same rule applies where there are fewer entries in any class than the number of premiums offered. The judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit deserves. Placement and premium on single entries in a class will be determined by the judge.
16. **Premium cards or ribbons have no value as to the payment of premiums. Premiums are paid only by the records in the judge's book. The office has that information after the show closes.**
17. The show reserves the right to determine how many entries they will accept from any exhibitor in the same class or in the same livestock species.
18. **Committees reserve the right to refuse any entry.** Furthermore, the committees reserve the right to bar from competition animals, vegetables, flowers, poultry products and farm/home-produced articles of decidedly inferior quality and/or those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition.

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19. If the show management believes that any exhibits were made in previous years or not made by the exhibitor, those exhibits may be refused or disqualified.
20. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of judging, is proven. In that case, such person(s) as the Board of Directors may appoint will make the decision.
21. **The show management may, at any time, order the removal of any exhibit or part of exhibit in bad condition, and any article unfit to show may be excluded.** Exhibits may NOT be removed at any time before the close of the show except by consent of the management. Removal of an exhibit without consent of the department superintendent will forfeit all premiums and next year's participation will be at the discretion of the board.
22. **During the judging, buildings, except livestock arenas, are closed to everyone except fair officials, judges, and necessary attendants.** An exhibitor or his/her agent shall NOT communicate with the judge during time of determining the awards, except to answer questions proposed by the judges. Any exhibitor interfering with the judge while making awards shall forfeit any premiums to which he/she would otherwise be entitled. **Buildings for Departments 11 - 23 will be opened by approximately 4:30 on Monday.**
The Premium Book serves as a guide and is subject to change. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy, the Board of Directors reserves the right to add, alter or change this information as necessary.

AUCTIONS

Have you ever attended a real, live auction?

Here are 4 chances to enjoy the experience and fun of a bidding sale.

BAKED GOODS AUCTION
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, AT 7:00 PM
in the Dairy Pavilion

BUY THE BEST THAT BUTLER COUNTY BRINGS!

CHEESE AUCTION

WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 7, AT 8:00 PM
in the Dairy Pavilion
CHOICE CHEESE FROM
CONTENTED COWS!



ANNUAL JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, AT 6:00 PM
(Opening Ceremonies start at 5:30)
in the Livestock Barn

FEED YOUR FAMILY; FILL YOUR FREEZER!
SALE ORDER: CHARITY ANIMAL, RABBITS, BEEF,
POULTRY, HOGS, GOATS, & LAMBS

ANNUAL 4-H BENEFIT AUCTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, AT 6:00 PM
at the EAST BUTLER FIRE HALL

SPECIAL NOTICES for Livestock Exhibitors

NEW FOR '24

SPECIAL NEW EVENT

► **ADULT MASTER SHOWMAN**
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, FOLLOWING THE
SUPREME MASTER SHOWMAN CONTEST.

(MORE INFO ON PAGE 185)

- **SPECIAL JUNIOR POULTRY SHOW**
9 AM TUESDAY - JUDGING OF POULTRY MEAT PENS & PICTURES
9 AM WEDNESDAY - POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP
- **INCREASED PREMIUMS FOR JUNIOR DAIRY**

REMINDERS

- **ALL LIVESTOCK (INCLUDING DAIRY CATTLE & GOATS) WILL BE HEALTH CHECKED BY A VET BEFORE UNLOADING OR PENNING.**
- **BEEF AND GOATS MUST SEND IN COPIES OF REGISTRATION PAPERS WITH ALL BREED ENTRIES.**

If you decide not to bring any animal,
please notify the office.

Keep all animals off the midways.

Use the back way to move your animals to the live-
stock barn for the sale on Thursday.

Entry forms, camper form, FEES, and
Waivers of Liability (last page of this book)
**MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE
BY 5:00 PM, SUNDAY, JULY 14.**

**THE MAIL BOX BY THE OFFICE IS AVAILABLE UNTIL
5 ON SUNDAY, JULY 14.**

**ALL LIVESTOCK, SHOWMANSHIP, LEAD
LINE & TRACTOR HANDLING CLASSES
MUST BE ENTERED BY JULY 14.**

Late or ringside entries will NOT be accepted.

*Interactive entry forms for all animals,
campers, and Waivers of Liability are
available online at www.butlerfarmshow.com.
Download, fill out, print and mail them.*

*All forms are also available at the Extension Office
or the Farm Show Office (724-482-4000).*

**Forms for CAMPERS, EQUINES, and WAIVERS OF
LIABILITY are provided in this book.**

*Carefully read all the information on the following
pages. Rules have been changed and/or added.
Know what is expected and what you are doing!*

HEALTH REGS. for Livestock Exhibitors

NEW in '24 FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

The PA Dept. of Ag has created a new Vet-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) form. It must be legibly signed by your vet and you.

The VCPR is valid for 1 year from the date it is signed and can be used for multiple shows. (Animals cannot be added to this form throughout the year after it is signed by the vet.) The CVI must be written for a single show to comply with federal guidelines. **SWINE MUST USE CVI.**

Therefore, you now have 2 options for health papers for your animals. You may present -

1. A current VCPR form attesting that the vet has a working relationship with you and your animals. OR
2. A valid, legible CVI issued within 30 days prior to the show. **SWINE MUST USE CVI.**

The form is available on our website, at the farm show office or extension office. Your vet should also have these forms.

ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

IMPORTANT:

***ALL ANIMALS AND HEALTH PAPERS
MUST BE CHECKED BEFORE UNLOADING.***

All animals admitted to the Farm Show will be subject to inspection by a vet or health agent and will be rejected if evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease is apparent or if health certification or identification documentation is not acceptable. The animals must comply with applicable state (7PA Code) or federal (9CFR) rules.

ANY DECISION OF THE HEALTH AGENT IS FINAL.

Animals known to be infected with any such diseases and animals restricted by quarantine may not be shown or displayed.

All show animals returning home from shows should be isolated from other members of the herd or flock for 30 days to help prevent the spread of disease.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES
ARE LISTED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**

OUT-OF-STATE exhibitors should contact the Farm Show Office or the PA State Dept. of Agriculture for additional health rules.

LIVESTOCK CHECK LIST

To help you prepare for the show, please read this important information.

Call your VET to do a health check and complete the VCPR or CVI. (**SWINE MUST USE A CVI ISSUED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE SHOW.**) You must bring the original VCPR or CVI with your animals on Sunday for check in. (Copies not accepted.) Read carefully the health rules for each species. Consult your vet if you have any questions.

DESIGNATION FORMS for all breeding stock and **CHEESE AUCTION FORMS** must be in the **EXTENSION OFFICE by Monday, June 3, by 4 PM.** "Pending" registration numbers must be filled in by **Sunday, July 14.**

FARM SHOW ENTRY FORM, WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM (page 215), and **CAMPER FORMS** (Page 209) due at the **FARM SHOW OFFICE** on **July 14** of each year.

All **ENTRY FORMS** are available online for you to download, fill out and mail to the Farm Show Office. Equines Entry Forms are available in the back of this book. Separate forms are used for Alpacas, Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Market Animals.

CAMPERS may be parked after 5:00 PM on Thursday, Aug. 1, and Friday, Aug. 2. A camping spot and/or hang tag does **NOT** entitle you to pull in and park at your camper.

All **PROJECT BOOKS** (Up-to-date to July 31) must accompany the animal to the Farm Show.

HORSES, DAIRY CATTLE, BEEF CATTLE, SHEEP, SWINE, GOATS, and project books will be checked before unloading and/or penning.

In order to show or enter anything at the Farm Show, you must have an **EXHIBITOR'S NUMBER.** This is easily obtained by calling the Farm Show office during regular office hours as listed on the cover.

ENTRY TAGS for any **ITEMS** you are entering may be picked up in the Farm Show Office starting July 1st.

Did you do the following?

- Fill out completely the appropriate entry forms.
- Sign the entry forms.
- Supply the name and phone number of your vet.
- Enclose payment for all entries.
- Use a separate entry form for each exhibitor / department / section.
- Make copies of your entries for show week use.
- Send or bring your forms to the office by July 14.

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HANG TAGS MUST BE VISIBLY DISPLAYED IN VEHICLES PARKED INSIDE THE GROUNDS OR THEY MAY BE TOWED.

**ATTENTION EXHIBITORS:
DO NOT USE SCREWS, STAPLES, NAILS, OR HARDWARE OF ANY TYPE ON THE TENT POLES.**

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1. Refer to Rules for All Exhibitors on the previous pages.
2. **Health Requirements** for each species are listed in the respective departments. Animals will **NOT BE ADMITTED** to the Farm Show unless the health requirements have been fulfilled. **You must present the ORIGINAL VCPR or CVI.**
3. The Farm Show reserves the right to reject entries.
4. Entry fees are collected for all OPEN show livestock, no matter the age of the animal.
5. Open exhibitors are limited to two paid entries per class per exhibitor.
6. Checks for entry and/or camper fees that are returned to the Farm Show for insufficient funds will be subject to an additional fee of \$50.
7. Entry fees and camper fees are refundable at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
8. The department superintendents have the final judgment in resolving any and all disputes.
9. **All market animals must meet weight restrictions to show and sell. Overweight / underweight animals must be removed from the grounds immediately following weigh-in. EXCEPTION: An animal not meeting weight restrictions may remain on the grounds IF it is the ONLY animal the exhibitor has for showmanship except for swine. Swine must be removed immediately.**
10. The Guidelines for Care of Animals and the PA Code of Show Ring Ethics as printed on the following pages must be followed. The Board of Directors reserves the right to disqualify an entry, disqualify an entry and remove it from the grounds, and/or reject entries for next year.
11. Violations of the rules or conduct contrary to the best interest of the Butler Farm Show will not be permitted. Exhibitors or others who persist in such violations or conduct will be asked to remove their exhibits and to leave the grounds. No fees or charges will be refunded and premiums will not be paid in such cases.
12. The Livestock Committee or a designated representative is responsible for checking the health of all animals upon arrival and all Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (**paper copy**). Any animal displaying any evidence of transmissible diseases will be removed from the show.
13. ALL BEEF, SHEEP and SWINE (MARKET AND BREEDING) must enter thru the Meridian Road (Gate 3) camper

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gate and be health checked before unloading. Hogs will be brought to the back door of the livestock building, checked and weighed in as they are unloaded.

14. ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES must have proper identification (microchip, ear tag, legible tattoo, or ear notch). Identification numbers on registration papers, health papers, tattoos and/or eartags must match. Breeding BEEF and SHEEP health, registration and identification papers will be checked before unloading.

15. Protests for any violation of the rules may be made to the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors by an exhibitor or their designated representative. All protests must be presented, in writing, to the Butler Farm Show Office within 24 hours of the alleged violation. A \$100.00 cash deposit must accompany all protests. Following investigation into the alleged violation, the \$100.00 deposit will be returned to the exhibitor if the protest is upheld. If the protest is denied, the \$100.00 fee is non-refundable. The decision of the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors regarding a protest shall be final and considered accepted by all exhibitors. Video footage, recorded by individuals, will NOT be reviewed as evidence in a protest situation. Video footage from the Butler Farm Show cameras may be viewed.

16. **ENTERING:** ALL BEEF, SHEEP and SWINE (MARKET AND BREEDING) will NOT be accepted before 9:00 AM on Sunday, August 4; however, they must be in the stalls/barns by 3:00 PM that day.
17. **RELEASE TIME:** ALL BEEF, SHEEP and SWINE (MARKET AND BREEDING) must remain until 9:00 PM, Saturday, August 10. Other animals must remain until times stated in the respective departments. Anyone removing exhibits before 9:00 PM without permission will forfeit their premiums and next year's participation will be at the discretion of the Board.
18. Exhibitors are expected to display their animals as directed by the committee; accept the stall assignment without controversy; keep their animals in an attractive appearance; and cooperate in every way that may serve to increase the educational value of the show.
19. Exhibitors are required to provide their own feed and bedding.
20. **Exhibitors are responsible for the care of all animals including, but not limited to, the cleanliness of pens, cleanliness of animals, and providing feed and water at all times until 9:00 PM Saturday or until animals are removed from the grounds. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their respective areas in a clean and orderly condition, on a daily basis, for the duration of the Butler Farm Show.**
21. **Animal exhibits must be cleaned by 10:00 AM each morning in preparation for visitors.** The Butler Farm Show Board of Directors will assign custodial personnel to clean disorderly exhibit areas. A minimum charge of \$25.00 for each occurrence plus the cost of bedding and/or supplies will be made for such service. Exhibitors found in violation will receive one warning. If the exhibitor fails to correct the situation, the Butler Farm Show Board will

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have the exhibit area cleaned and the exhibitor will be charged for the service. Repeated violations and/or failure to pay the cleaning charge may result in refusal to exhibit at future shows.

22. The show superintendents may, AT ANY TIME, order the removal from the show grounds of any animal of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition, or which cannot be satisfactorily handled under show conditions.
23. Animals with horns will NOT be shown or displayed at the Butler Farm Show, except for breeding stock of horned breeds of any species. Market animals must follow the Livestock Sale Rules.
24. **All livestock entries and fees must be submitted by July 14.** All livestock, including poultry and rabbits, exhibitors **MUST include a WAIVER OF LIABILITY Form** (in the back of this book) with the entry form and fees. **EQUINE EXHIBITORS MUST SUBMIT A CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE.**
25. Equines, dairy cattle, beef cattle, goats, and sheep shown in registered breeding classes must be REGISTERED purebred animals (except as specified in Junior Departments). **Registration papers must be OFFICIALLY TRANSFERRED into the exhibitor's name 30 days prior to the show unless otherwise specified by the department.** i.e. Rabbits must be owned 60 days prior to this year's show. Original registration papers (not copies) will be checked by the Farm Show committee or designated representative. **SIGNED TRANSFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Animals shall be identified as specified by the breed or registry association. Sheep must wear the ear tags of their respective registry association. All animals registered in associations requiring tattoos must have legible tattoos. Any leased animal must have a notarized lease or contract from the original owner.
26. All animals entered in group classes **MUST be REGISTERED IN THE SAME BREED.**
27. **SPECIAL RULE FOR BEEF and GOATS:** Owners must submit a copy of registration papers with the entry form.
28. Coaching or assistance from the sidelines is NOT allowed during ANY show, including showmanship, market and breed shows.
29. Interference with judges/judging **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Interfering exhibitors, including immediate family members, will be barred from competition. The only people **ALLOWED** in the ring during judging are the judge, breed chairman, and necessary attendants.
30. **Exhibitors with disabilities are encouraged to participate in the Butler Farm Show. If the exhibitor anticipates needing any type of accommodations, you must check the box requesting accommodation on the Butler Farm Show entry form.**
- Individuals with disabilities who require assistance to exhibit their animal(s) may designate an individual to provide assistance. If the animal(s) is a 4-H or FFA project animal, the assistant must be a Butler County 4-H or FFA member. It is the responsibility of the family of an exhibitor with a disability requiring assistance to identify an

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individual who is best able to provide assistance regardless of the age of the exhibitor. The name of the Butler County 4-H or FFA member providing assistance must be designated on the entry form.

▪ In the event that a 4-H or FFA member has more than one animal in a class, is injured, or due to extenuating circumstances is unable to exhibit their project animal(s), the family may designate a substitute Butler County 4-H or FFA member to show the animal(s). In the event of an injury or extenuating circumstances, the exhibitor must make arrangements for a substitute exhibitor with the show superintendent prior to the day of show. The substitute exhibitor must be an immediate family member that is a Butler County 4-H or FFA member or a Butler County 4-H or FFA member the same age as the project member. Immediate family is defined as brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, or bona fide foster child living in the same household.

▪ During the show, decisions regarding exhibitor accommodation will be made by a member of the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors and/or the show superintendent.

31. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing when their animals will be judged. Stock must be in the ring promptly when called. Late entries will not be allowed to enter the ring and will be out of competition. Decorations with ribbons or ornaments previously won by animals are prohibited until after the awards have been made in their respective classes by the judges.
32. All animals are required to be tied or penned and under control of the exhibitor when being shown or paraded.

33. DRENCHING, FORCE OR BOTTLE FEEDING OF ANY ANIMALS, OR USE OF ICING AND/OR ANY TEMPERATURE-ALTERING PRODUCTS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE EXHIBITOR. (EXCEPTION: SWINE EXHIBITORS ARE EXEMPT FROM COOLING PRACTICES FOR PURPOSES OF SWINE COMFORT.)

34. Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals earning the lower prizes will move into the next higher position if, in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.
35. Every exhibit accepted for premiums must be clearly labeled. The breed name must be shown on cards large enough to be readily identified by the viewers, or if the livestock is grouped together according to breed, one large sign to designate the group will be satisfactory. However, the award ribbons must be placed on the stall or pen of the individual winners for the duration of the show. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in forfeiture of premiums. It will be the duty of the show officials to see that this regulation is followed. If award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate, free of charge, at the close of the show.

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GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF ANIMALS

BUTLER FARM SHOW EXHIBITORS ARE EXPECTED AND REQUIRED TO CARE FOR ANIMALS IN A MANNER THAT IS RESPONSIBLE AND ETHICAL. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY AN ENTRY, DISQUALIFY AN ENTRY AND REMOVE IT FROM THE GROUNDS, AND/OR REJECT ENTRIES FOR NEXT YEAR IF THESE GUIDELINES ARE NOT FOLLOWED.

1. RESTRAINING ANIMALS

- a. Animals should be tied or penned in a manner that will not hurt the animal or restrict its breathing in any way.
- b. Animals should be tied so that all four feet are firmly on the ground and they have enough room to stand comfortably and lie down.
- c. Animals should be tied so that they are not able to injure animals tied near them.
- d. Animals unaccustomed to each other should not be penned together.

2. HANDLING

Any type of rough handling, such as punching or kicking, which could harm an animal is prohibited. The use of whips, canes, and show sticks should be restricted to showing only and then be used only to guide the animals, not punish them. Remember, animals will respond quicker and better to quiet, gentle handling, than loud, rough handling.

3. BEDDING

All animals should have bedding that is dry and clean. Pens should be regularly cleaned throughout the day to keep the animals clean and comfortable. If non-traditional bedding such as carpeting is used, it should be regularly cleaned (at least twice daily) to keep the pen free from manure.

4. FEEDING & WATER

Animals should be well-fed and have access to clean water at all times. Realizing that many market animals must have restricted amounts of feed to maintain the proper weight, animals must be fed adequate amounts of feed to meet the animal's basic requirements. Animals not allowed reasonable access to clean feed and clean water will be disqualified from the show.

5. HEALTH

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide proper health care for their animals through routine inspections and consultation with health care professionals. The improper or illegal use of drugs or antibiotics is prohibited. If medication is indicated, be sure to follow the label directions and allow more than the stated withdrawal time.

6. CARE OF THE BARN AND EXHIBIT AREAS

Each exhibitor is asked to assume responsibility to keep all public areas clean and clear of animal waste for the protection of our guests. Encourage visitors to use the hand washing stations. Do not encourage petting of animals.

7. TRANSPORTATION

Animals should be transported in a way that is both safe and considerate of the animal's well-being.

8. BLANKET/SWEAT COLLARS

Any type of material such as blankets or sweat collars should be large enough to permit normal body functions such as breathing, eating, drinking or lying down.

PA STATE & NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

THE BUTLER FARM SHOW HAS ADOPTED THE PA STATE AND NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS AS RULES FOR ALL ANIMALS ENTERED.

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial & national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. **Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing.** Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regula-

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tions and rules. **Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.**

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed vet.

5. **Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.**
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS (CONT.)

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics" and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

FARMING RULES

Wake up smiling

PRAY

Watch the sunrise

GET DIRTY

Ride tractors

Feed the animals

LOVE EACH OTHER

Hurry before the storm

Help a Neighbor

Laugh with Friends

PRAY

WORK HARD

PLAY HARDER

Take a nap in the hay

Go jump in the creek

Harvest from the Heart

Enjoy the sunset

Thank GOD for every day

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL JUNIOR SHOWS

Interactive entry forms available online.

Download, fill in, print and mail.

Eligibility: 4-H Club members must be between 8 and 18 by January 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be 4-H members, carrying a project in the field in which they wish to make entry, and be under the supervision of the Penn State University Cooperative Extension Service by June 1 preceding the Farm Show.

Students enrolled in an accepted vocational school curriculum must be conducting a project in the class in which they wish to make entry. Students enrolled in general home economics in a comprehensive high school are considered as qualifying. All entries shall be approved prior to the fair by a member of the PA Department of Education, Agriculture or Home Economics staff or their designated representative.

NOTE: A valid 4-H project not listed in the Farm Show Book may be accepted upon approval of Farm Show and Extension Service. (Animal projects not listed cannot be accommodated.)

1. To enter 4-H and FFA departments, the exhibitor must be enrolled and carry projects in the Butler County 4-H program or a Butler County FFA Chapter.
2. **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 14. SUBMIT A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH SPECIES FOR EACH EXHIBITOR.** The OPEN classes for dairy, beef, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits may be entered on the same entry form as 4-H, but you must include the required entry fees. Entry fees ARE NOT charged for Dept. 10.
3. A project designation form must be submitted to the Butler Co. Extension Office by June 3 of the current year. Entries are checked by an Extension Educator.
4. Exhibitors must have an exhibitor's number. Call the office by Friday before the show to obtain a new number or retrieve your number from previous years.
5. The Rules & Regulations for All Exhibitors, Rules & Regulations for Livestock Exhibitors, Guidelines for Care of Animals, the PA and National Show Ring Ethics with Butler Farm Show Additions as printed in the front of this book and the Junior Livestock Sale Rules on the next pages must be followed. The Board of Directors reserves the right to disqualify an entry, disqualify an entry AND remove it from the grounds, AND/OR reject entries for next year.
6. **RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING OPEN CLASSES WILL APPLY IN JUNIOR SHOW CLASSES.**

7. **Protests for any violation of the rules may be made to the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors by an exhibitor or their designated representative. All protests must be presented, in writing, to the Butler Farm Show Office within 24 hours of the alleged violation. A \$100.00 cash deposit must accompany all protests. Following investigation into the alleged violation, the \$100.00 deposit will be returned to the exhibitor if the protest is upheld. If the protest is denied, the \$100.00 fee is non-refundable. The decision of the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors regarding a protest shall be final and considered accepted by all exhibitors. Video footage, recorded by individuals, will NOT be reviewed as evidence in a protest situation. Video footage from the Butler Farm Show cameras may be viewed.**

JUNIOR SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS (CONT.)

8. Exhibitors with disabilities are encouraged to participate in the Butler Farm Show. If the exhibitor anticipates needing any type of accommodations, you must check the box requesting accommodation on the Butler Farm Show entry form.

- Individuals with disabilities that require assistance to exhibit their animal(s) may designate an individual to provide assistance. If the animal(s) is a 4-H or FFA project animal, the assistant must be a Butler County 4-H or FFA member. It is the responsibility of the family of an exhibitor with a disability requiring assistance to identify an individual that is best able to provide assistance regardless of the age of the exhibitor. The name of the Butler County 4-H or FFA member providing assistance must be designated on the entry form.

- In the event that a 4-H or FFA member has more than one animal in a class, is injured, or due to extenuating circumstances is unable to exhibit their project animal(s), the family may designate a substitute Butler County 4-H or FFA member to show the animal(s). In the event of an injury or extenuating circumstances, the exhibitor must make arrangements for a substitute exhibitor with the show superintendent prior to the day of show. The substitute exhibitor must be an immediate family member that is a Butler County 4-H or FFA member or a Butler County 4-H or FFA member the same age as the project member. Immediate family is defined as brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, or bona fide foster child living in the same household.

- During the show, decisions regarding exhibitor accommodation will be made by a member of the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors and/or the show superintendent.

9. All Junior Show animals must comply with Farm Show Health Requirements. (See respective Open Departments.) Animals displaying any evidence of transmissible diseases will be removed from the show.
10. ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES must have proper identification (microchip, ear tag, legible tattoo, or ear notch) **according to the species department rules.** Identification numbers on registration papers, health papers, tattoo and/or eartag must match. DAIRY, BEEF, SHEEP, & GOAT BREEDING ANIMALS health, registration and identification papers will be checked before unloading.
11. In the DAIRY SHOW an exhibitor may enter up to 5 project animals but no more than 3 in any one class.
12. ALPACAS must be in pens by 8 AM Monday and remain throughout the show.
13. ALL BEEF, SWINE, SHEEP AND GOAT MARKET ANIMALS must be tagged in order to be shown in the market classes. NO EXCEPTIONS.
14. Stags are not acceptable in Junior Market classes.
15. BEEF, SHEEP and SWINE (MARKET AND BREEDING) will NOT be accepted before 9:00 AM on Sunday, August 4; they must be in the stalls/barns by 3:00 PM that day.
16. ALL BEEF, SHEEP AND SWINE (MARKET AND BREEDING) must enter thru the Meridian Road (Gate 3) camper gate and be health checked before unloading. HOGS

JUNIOR SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS (CONT.)

WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE BACK DOOR OF THE LIVESTOCK BUILDING, CHECKED AND WEIGHED IN AT THAT TIME.

17. ALL BEEF, SHEEP & HOGS must remain until 9:00 PM, Saturday, August 10. Other animals must remain until times stated in the respective departments. Exhibits and/or exhibitors leaving the show early without permission will forfeit premiums and participation in next year's show will be at the discretion of the Board.

18. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of all animals including, but not limited to, the cleanliness of pens, cleanliness of animals, and providing feed and water at all times until 9:00 PM Saturday or until animals are removed from the grounds. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their respective areas in a clean and orderly condition, on a daily basis, for the duration of the Butler Farm Show. Animal exhibits must be cleaned by 10:00 a.m. each morning in preparation for visitors. The Butler Farm Show Board of Directors will assign custodial personnel to clean disorderly exhibit areas. A minimum charge of \$25.00 for each occurrence plus the cost of bedding and/or supplies will be made for such service. Exhibitors found in violation will receive one warning. If the exhibitor fails to correct the situation, the Butler Farm Show board will have the exhibit area cleaned and the exhibitor will be charged for the service. Repeated violations and/or failure to pay the cleaning charge may result in refusal to exhibit at future shows.

19. Exhibitors are required to provide their own feed, bedding and equipment.
20. Wet steers or lambs will not be weighed.
21. All market animals of same species will be weighed on the same scale.
22. **All market animals must meet weight restrictions to show and sell. Overweight / underweight animals must be removed from the grounds immediately following weigh-in. EXCEPTION: An animal not meeting weight restrictions may remain on the grounds IF it is the ONLY animal the exhibitor has for showmanship except for swine. Swine must be removed immediately.**
23. For showmanship classes, 4-H and FFA members must show an animal that is owned/leased by that individual and designated as his/her project.
24. The show superintendents may, at any time, order the removal from the show grounds of any animal of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition, or which cannot be satisfactorily handled under show conditions.
25. All animals are required to be tied or penned and under control of the exhibitor when being shown or paraded.



The Butler Farm Show
proudly supports the
4-H and FFA members,
programs, educators,
leaders and volunteers.



JUNIOR SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS (CONT.)

26. **IMPORTANT:** Appropriate show apparel for exhibitors showing Junior Market Livestock consists of clean long pants or a dress/skirt below the knees; dress shirt, buttoned appropriately, with sleeves; or a 4-H/FFA T-shirt. Hard-soled shoes or boots are required. Shirts with commercial (including farm) logos are not permitted. Inappropriate apparel includes, but is not limited to, other T-shirts, bare midriff shirts, tank tops, baggy or cut-off pants, shorts, hats, and sandals. Failure to wear appropriate show apparel may result in disqualification of the entry being shown.

27. **DRENCHING, FORCE OR BOTTLE FEEDING OF ANY ANIMALS, OR USE OF ICING AND/OR ANY TEMPERATURE-ALTERING PRODUCTS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE EXHIBITOR. (EXCEPTION: SWINE EXHIBITORS ARE EXEMPT FROM COOLING PRACTICES FOR PURPOSES OF SWINE COMFORT.)**

28. Coaching or assistance from the sidelines is NOT allowed during ANY Show, including showmanship, market and breed shows.

29. Interference with judges/judging will not be tolerated. Interfering exhibitors, including immediate family members, will be barred from competition. The only people **ALLOWED** in the ring during judging are the judge, breed chairman, and necessary attendants.

30. **DAIRY ANIMALS:** Use only grooming products that are approved for use on **DAIRY ANIMALS** when fitting your animals for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the milk. If you are not certain that a product is residue safe and approved for use on dairy animals, do not use it!

31. Youth exhibitors are strongly urged to send thank you notes to trophy, banner and award sponsors and livestock buyers. Your cooperation will enable the program to retain these individuals and businesses that support our contests and sale.

32. If any of these rules are not followed, the animal will be disqualified. The Board of Directors reserves the right to disqualify an entry, disqualify an entry **AND** remove it from the grounds, and/or reject entries for next year.

“THANK YOU” to the hundreds of VOLUNTEERS who work tirelessly for this show. Directors, Superintendents, Asst. Supts., Show Announcers, Clerks, 4-H Leaders, and Ribbon Givers are all VOLUNTEERS. Please respect them for what they do for YOU!

ADVANCE TICKET SALES
SPECIAL ADMISSION - BUY 6 Tickets for \$50.
in the Farm Show Office
- Starting July 2 thru August 4 (Check office hours)
- Includes admission any day **TO GROUNDS, RIDES, AND GRANDSTAND** (*EXCEPT THURSDAY & FRIDAY)
- Purchase a wristband for \$5. **AT the Grandstand**
- Sales start at 5:30. Limited quantity.

BUTLER COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SALE GENERAL RULES

2024 Livestock Sale Committee Members:

Jim Govan (Chair), Amy Metrick (Extension Rep.),
Lee Ambrose, Jeff Ansell, Kevin Beacom, Christy Cook,
Gary Costel, Ken Cranmer, Kaci Dupe, Donna Frazier,
Zach Frazier, Barb Karner, Joyce McDonald,
Crystal Osche, Bryan Rager, Patti Schultheis (FFA Rep.),
Warren Soergel, Mike Sutej, Sabrina Sutej (Jr. Bd. Rep.),
Jodi Teets, Virginia Vondran

1. The sale is open to junior exhibitors (4-H who are 8 to 18 years of age on January 1 of the year of the show/sale; FFA members who are 14 to 21 years of age). In order to sell livestock, a member must be in good standing and attend the number of meetings established by the attendance policies of the Butler County 4-H clubs or FFA chapters.
2. A **project book** must be obtained and maintained, and the animal(s) must be under the ownership and care of the 4-H or FFA member. An up-to-date project book must be submitted as animals are unloaded prior to the final weigh-in at the Butler Farm Show.
3. All participating 4-H and FFA members must have completed an approved quality assurance activity or program no later than July 1st of the current year. Completion of this requirement must be documented with the Penn State Extension Office.
4. All animals must be entered in the Butler Farm Show and shown in the appropriate market animal class as determined by final weigh-in.
5. **All market animals must meet weight restrictions to show or sell. Animals that do not meet weight restrictions must be removed from the grounds immediately after weigh-in as per the Farm Show rules. EXCEPTION: An animal not meeting weight restrictions may remain on the grounds IF it is the ONLY animal the exhibitor has for showmanship.**
6. Animals that are disqualified from their respective show/class will not be eligible to sell.
7. All sale animals must be clean and properly fitted according to Butler Farm Show rules.
8. Butler Farm Show Rules and Regulations for each species will be followed and enforced.
9. **All animals must be washed by 12 PM (noon) on sale day.**
10. Appropriate show apparel for exhibitors selling consists of clean long pants or a dress/skirt below the knees; dress shirt, buttoned appropriately, with sleeves; or a 4-H/FFA T-shirt. Hard-soled shoes or boots are required. Shirts with commercial (including farm) logos are not permitted. Inappropriate apparel includes, but is not limited to, other T-shirts, bare midriff shirts, tank tops, baggy or cut-off pants, shorts, hats and sandals. Failure to wear appropriate apparel may result in disqualification of the entry being sold.
11. Each animal shall be sold by its owner. If the owner is unable to present the animal for sale for any legitimate reason, another junior exhibitor may be designated to sell the animal. This substitution must be approved by the sale committee chair and a minimum of two additional active sale committee members prior to the sale of the animal.

LIVESTOCK SALE RULES (CONT.)

12. Any Butler County 4-H or FFA member wanting to show a junior market animal at the Butler Farm Show but not wishing to consign to the sale must notify the sale committee immediately following the junior market animal show at the Farm Show.
13. **A sale fee of 3% of the gross sale price will be charged to help defray sale expenses.** The sale committee reserves the right to alter this commission as necessary to cover sale expenses.
14. Each member is responsible for **stall presentation** and his/her animal, including feeding, watering, and general care, until the time it is **delivered** to the buyer. **(9:00 PM, SATURDAY)**
15. Each member is required to assist with promotional and sale-related activities as designated by the committee.
16. Each member is responsible for writing a letter to the buyer thanking him/her for their patronage.
17. **Project members will be limited to selling 2 lots in the sale. A "lot" is defined as a steer, a pig, a lamb, a goat, a pen of rabbits, a pen of poultry, a carcass steer, a carcass pig, a carcass lamb, or a carcass goat. Members may sell a maximum of two lots per species.**
18. **Animals that are designated as the Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion (including Home and County Bred Champions) for each species must be consigned to the Jr. Livestock Sale.**
19. In the event that an exhibitor is the recipient of more than 2 champion or reserve champion awards, the exhibitor will be limited to the sale of 2 lots with a maximum of 2 per species. The required order of sale for champions is as follows: Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Home Bred Champion, Reserve Home Bred Champion, County Bred Champion, and Reserve County Bred Champion.
20. Animals consigned to the sale must be delivered to the buyer or designated hauling agent. There will be no switching of animals after the sale.
21. When an exhibitor, parent, guardian, 4-H leader, or representative acting in behalf of an exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike or unethical conduct, the Butler County Jr. Livestock Sale Committee, in consultation with the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors, may require the 4-H or FFA member to return all trophies and ribbons, forfeit premiums won, prohibit participation in the Jr Livestock sale, and may suspend the 4-H or FFA member and the animal(s) involved for such a period as judged appropriate from participation in 4-H and FFA roundups in Butler County.

A parent, guardian, 4-H leader, or representative acting in behalf of an exhibitor deemed guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may also be prohibited for such a period as judged appropriate from participation in all 4-H and FFA activities. Persons deemed guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may be expelled from the show facilities at the direction of the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee and/or the Butler Farm Show.

The results of such committee action will be sent in writing to the appropriate Penn State Extension District Director, Educator, or FFA Advisor.
22. Junior Livestock Sale Rules and Regulations may be added or amended by the Sale Committee as the need arises.

BEEF/SHEEP/SWINE SALE RULES

1. A project book must be obtained and maintained and the animal(s) must be under the ownership and care of a 4-H or FFA member as follows:
 - a. **Beef Cattle** - Steers or heifers. Sired by a recognized beef breed sire and born after January 1st of the year of the preceding sale. Animals must be acquired by weigh-in/tagging date. The suggested minimum weight is 450 pounds by weigh-in date.
 - b. **Swine** - Barrows or gilts. Animals must be acquired by weigh-in/tagging date. The suggested minimum weight is 50 pounds, and the suggested maximum weight is 80 pounds by weigh-in date. Scrotum incisions must be healed.
 - c. **Lambs** - Wethers or ewes. Animals must be acquired by weigh-in/tagging date. The suggested minimum weight is 40 pounds by weigh-in date.
 - d. All market lambs must have a Scrapie ID eartag or other approved form of Scrapie ID prior to arrival at the May weigh-in.
2. Tag pick up/weigh-in (date and time to be announced) will be at a central location. Your project animal will be marked for identification, weighed (if applicable), and examined for castration. To be eligible to sell in the Jr. Livestock Sale, all beef, sheep, and swine must be tagged by the tagging date.
3. All animals must be accompanied by a completed project identification form to be submitted to the sale committee at the time of weigh-in/tagging. Signed Home Bred and County Bred affidavits must also be submitted at the time of tagging as appropriate.
4. **Beef Cattle - Project calf must be dehorned and castrated prior to tagging. Tagging to be held no earlier than the first Saturday in November.**
5. As per Penn State University 4-H Liability Insurance requirements, youth who do not meet the minimum age requirement for 4-H membership at the time of the beef tagging (8 years of age as of January 1st of the current year) will not be permitted to tag at that time. If the youth meets the minimum age requirement by January 1st, immediately following the beef tagging, he/she may enroll in the market beef project and will be permitted to tag project animals. Project animals must be tagged after January 1st but before January 31st.
6. **Lambs** - Weigh-in/tagging will be held no earlier than the first Saturday of May.
7. **Swine** - Tagging for identification will be held no earlier than the first Saturday of May. The decision to tag swine on the farm or to tag at a central location will be based on current PA swine health regulations.
8. **For sale purposes, a member may tag and show 2 beef cattle, 3 lambs, and/or 4 hogs. Members will be able to tag 4 hogs but must limit the number of hogs brought to the Farm Show to 2. (Select 2 to show.)**
9. Final weigh-in will be conducted according to the Butler Farm Show schedule and guidelines.
 - a. **Beef Cattle - Must be trained to lead with a halter. They must weigh at least 1,000 pounds and not more than 1,500 pounds by final weigh-in at the Butler Farm Show.**

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- b. Swine - Must weigh at least 220 pounds and not more than 300 pounds by final weigh-in at the Farm Show.
- c. Lambs - Must weigh at least 90 pounds and not more than 160 pounds by final weigh-in at the Farm Show.
- d. Any evidence of testicle development will be cause for disqualification from the show and sale.

MARKET GOAT SALE RULES

1. A project book must be obtained and maintained, and the animal(s) must be under the ownership and care of the 4-H or FFA member by tagging date.
2. Market goats must be born after November 1st of the year preceding the market show but with full baby teeth at final market show weigh-in.
3. Market goats may be wethers or does.
4. Market goats may be either disbudded (dehorned) or horned.
5. All market goats must have a scrapie ID eartag or other approved form of scrapie ID prior to arrival at the May tagging.
6. Market goats must be representative of the dairy and meat goat breeds ONLY. NO PYGMY GOATS.
7. Tag pick-up (date and time to be announced) will be at a central location. The project animal will be marked for identification, weighed, and examined for castration. To be eligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale, all market goats must be tagged by the tagging date.
8. All animals must be accompanied by a completed project identification form to be submitted to the sale committee at the time of tagging. Signed Home Bred and County Bred affidavits must also be submitted at the time of tagging as appropriate.
9. tagging will be held no earlier than the first Saturday of May.
10. Each member may weigh-in/tag and show 2 goats.
11. Market goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds and not more than 125 pounds by final weigh-in at the Farm Show.
12. Market goat classes will be determined by weight, not breed.

How farm kids spend their summer:

Harvesting crops



Baling hay



Cleaning out the barn



Riding horses



Gathering or sorting
cattle, sheep or goats



Swimming in the
water trough



Fixing things that broke



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MARKET POULTRY PEN SALE RULES

1. Each member will be allowed to weigh in and show 2 meat pens. A meat pen consists of 4 broilers.
2. All meat pen chicks must be from the Chick Pool. Chick Pool chicks will be from a certified hatchery. Chicks will be provided to designated poultry project members 7 to 8 weeks prior to entry and weigh-in day at the Farm Show.
3. **All pens will be weighed on TUESDAY morning at 7 AM. Each bird must weigh at least 6 pounds but not more than 10 pounds. Any birds not meeting these weight requirements will remain on site as "Exhibition Only," and will not be judged nor be eligible for the Jr. Livestock Auction. These pens will go directly to the processor along with the other pens from the auction.**
4. **If a bird dies prior to the Jr. Livestock Sale, the exhibitor must contact a member of the sale committee to inform them of the lost bird. The pen will go through the auction and be announced as a pen of X number of birds.**
5. **All birds will be banded for identification by a Certified Poultry Tech at the time of blood testing.**
6. All meat pens will be health checked at weigh-in by an appointed inspector. Any bird brought to the Butler Farm Show that is not market quality will be marked as "Exhibition Only" and remain on site.
7. All poultry projects must be **clean**, healthy and free from deformities. Any of the following faults will result in disqualification of the pen:
 - a. Missing extremities (2 wings/2 legs)
 - b. Clipped wings
 - c. Curly toes
 - d. Bruising
 - e. Parasites
8. The following items must be considered in a meat pen:
 - a. Meat Type
 - b. Weight: Finished weight - 6 to 10 pounds per bird.
 - c. Uniformity
9. Each member must fit and show their own birds. Owners must care for their own birds during show week.
10. Because of the diet of each meat pen, feed must be provided by the owner.
11. The owner will be responsible for supplying feeders, water bowls, and bedding.
12. The owner will supply their own wagon and cage to display the birds at the Jr. Livestock Sale.
13. Poultry project books will be collected, checked, and returned to the member at weigh-in.
14. Poultry will be removed from the show by the processor immediately following the Jr. Livestock Sale Thursday evening.

**Farm shows and fairs come and go,
Trophies collect dust.
Ribbons get tossed to the side,
but the MEMORIES are never forgotten
and the FRIENDSHIPS are never replaced.**

**Join in the fun at the Barnyard Olympics
at 2:30 on Wednesday in the Dairy Pavilion.**

MARKET TURKEY SALE RULES

1. Each member will be allowed to weigh in and show 1 market turkey.
2. A market turkey shall be a Tom.
3. All market turkey chicks must be from the Chick Pool. Chick Pool chicks will be from a certified hatchery. Chicks will be provided to designated poultry project members 16 weeks prior to entry and weigh-in day at the Farm Show.
4. **All market turkeys will be weighed and identified by a Certified Poultry Technician at the time of blood testing.**
5. **All market turkeys will be weighed on the SUNDAY immediately prior to the opening day of the Farm Show between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM (noon).** Market turkeys must weigh at least 20 pounds but not more than 40 pounds. Any birds not meeting these weight requirements will not be penned and must be removed from the grounds by 11 PM that evening.
6. The Market Turkey Show will be held on a date TBD during the week of the Butler Farm Show.
7. All market turkeys will be health checked at the Farm Show by an appointed inspector. Any bird brought to the Butler Farm Show that is not of market quality will be dismissed.
8. All market turkey birds must be **clean, healthy and free from deformities.** Any of the following faults will result in disqualification of the pen:
 - a. Missing extremities (wing or legs)
 - b. Clipped wings
 - c. Curly toes
 - d. Bruising
 - e. Parasites
9. The following items must be considered in a market turkey:
 - a. Meat Type
 - b. Weight: Finished weight must be 40 pounds per bird.
10. Each member must finish and show their own market turkey. Owners must care for their own turkey during show week.
11. The Butler Farm Show will provide a cage, waterer and feeder for each market turkey.
12. Because of the diet of each market turkey, feed must be provided by the owner.
13. Turkey project books will be collected, checked, and returned to the member at weigh-in.
14. Turkeys will not be removed from the show before 9:00 PM, Saturday, the final day of the Farm Show. No vehicles of any type may be driven into the midways before 11:00 PM.

RABBIT MEAT PENS SALE RULES

1. Rabbits entered in a meat pen must be bred, owned, and raised by the member.
 2. Each member may weigh-in and show 2 meat pens.
 3. Only recognized commercial breeds will be accepted.
 - a. Angora-French, Giant, Satin
 - b. Californian
 - c. Champagne d'Argent
 - d. American Chinchilla
 - e. Cinnamon
 - f. Creme d'Argent
 - g. French Lop
 - h. Harlequin
 - i. Hotot
 - j. New Zealand
 - k. Palomino
 - l. Rex
 - m. American Sable
 - n. Satin
 - o. Silver Fox
 - p. Silver Marten
- * Commercial crosses will be accepted if accompanied by verification papers at the time of check-in.
4. Does and breeding buck(s) of litters to be verified for meat pens must be designated project animals owned by the

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- member. Rabbit project designation forms, including ear tattoo numbers, identifying does and bucks bred for the production of meat pen litters must be submitted to the county extension office by the close of business on June 1st of the current year.
5. Meat pens must consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed and variety. They may be of different sexes.
 6. Meat pen entries must be at least 8 weeks (54 days) of age, but not more than 10 weeks (70 days) of age by opening day of the Butler Farm Show.
 7. Meat pen entries must weigh at least 3.5 pounds each but not more than 5.5 pounds by weigh-in at judging time at the Butler Farm Show.
 8. Individual rabbits do not have to be litter mates but must be from verified, approved litters.
 9. Litter verification must take place within 10 days of birth. Litter verification may be made by a 4-H leader, FFA advisor, Butler County Extension educator, or a superintendent of the rabbit department of the Butler Farm Show.
 10. A Litter Verification Sheet must accompany each entry. Entries will not be accepted without approved paper work.
 11. Meat pens will be weighed at time of judging.
 12. Entries showing signs of illness or disease at check-in will not be accepted. They must be removed from the grounds immediately.
 13. Meat pens will be judged on meat type, condition of flesh, uniformity of body and weight, and fur.

HOME BRED/COUNTY BRED CHAMPIONS

In appreciation of the outstanding quality livestock produced within Butler County and on our family farms, the Butler Farm Show and Jr. Livestock Sale Committee will recognize these animals and their producers by selecting both Home Bred and County Bred Champions and Reserve Champions.

1. Following selection of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market beef, lamb, swine, and goat, the Home Bred and County Bred Champion and Reserve Champion animals will be selected with the following provisions:
 - a. **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals will be eligible for Home Bred recognition but not County Bred provided all other provisions for award designations are met.**
 - b. **If the Grand Champion and/or Reserve Grand Champion do not qualify for Home Bred recognition, the following will apply:**
 - c. **The Home Bred Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the remaining eligible entries. The Home Bred Champion and Reserve Champion will not be eligible for County Bred Champion and Reserve Champion designation.**
 - d. **County Bred awards will be selected from the remaining eligible entries.**
2. To be eligible for Home Bred awards, animals must be designated at the time of species weigh-in and must be accompanied by a completed, signed affidavit. Home Bred animals, born and raised in Butler County, may also be designated as a County Bred entry by checking the appropriate box on the affidavit.
3. To be eligible for County Bred awards, animals must be designated at the time of species weigh-in and must be accompanied by a bill of sale from a Butler County producer along with a completed, signed affidavit.

LIVESTOCK SALE RULES (CONT.)

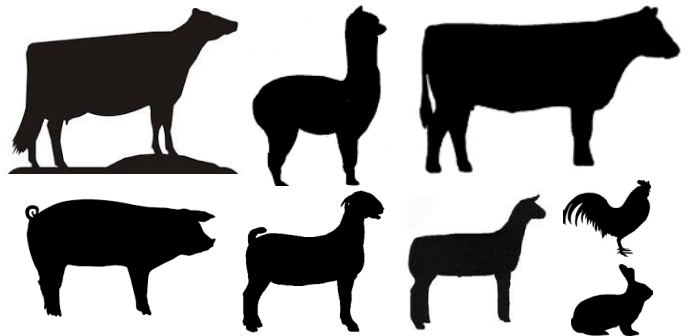
4. **Home Bred market beef** will be identified by the Jr. Livestock Sale ear tag number assigned to the animal at tagging/weigh-in. Additional tag and/or tattoo numbers on cattle at time of tagging/weigh-in will also be recorded.
 - a. Farm tag and/or tattoo numbers identifying the animal prior to tagging/weigh-in must be listed on an affidavit signed by both parent and exhibitor stating that the dam of said animal is owned by a member of the immediate family and housed on the family farm where the exhibitor resides.
 - b. Progeny from dams that were bred at the time of purchase are not eligible.
5. **County Bred market beef** will be identified by the Jr. Livestock Sale ear tag number assigned to the animal at tagging/weigh-in. Additional tag and/or tattoo numbers on cattle at time of tagging/weigh-in will also be recorded.
 - a. Farm tag and/or tattoo numbers identifying the animal prior to tagging/weigh-in must be listed on a bill of sale from a Butler County producer and an affidavit signed by both the producer and the exhibitor, stating that said animal was both bred and born within Butler County.
 - b. Progeny from dams that were bred at the time of purchase are not eligible.
6. **Home Bred market swine must be identified by an 840 RFID tag assigned to an immediate family member on the family farm where the exhibitor resides.**
 - a. The herd number and ear notch must be listed on an affidavit signed by both parent and exhibitor stating that the dam of said animal is owned by a member of the immediate family and housed on the family farm where the exhibitor resides.
 - b. Progeny from dams that were bred at the time of purchase are NOT eligible.
7. **County Bred market swine must be identified by an 840 RFID tag assigned to a Butler County producer.**
 - a. The herd number and ear notch must be listed on a bill of sale from a Butler County producer and an affidavit signed by both the producer and the exhibitor, stating that said animal was both bred and born within Butler County
 - b. Progeny from dams that were bred at the time of purchase are NOT eligible.
8. **Home Bred market lambs and Home Bred market goats must be identified by an official scrapie eartag or equivalent tattoo assigned to an immediate family member on the family farm where the exhibitor resides.**
 - a. The scrapie identification number and must be listed on an affidavit signed by both parent and exhibitor stating that the dam of said animal is owned by a member of the immediate family and housed on the family farm where the exhibitor resides.
 - b. Progeny from dams that were bred at the time of purchase are NOT eligible.
9. **County Bred market lambs and County Bred market goats must be identified by official scrapie eartag or equivalent tattoo assigned to a Butler County producer.**
 - a. The scrapie identification number must be listed on a bill of sale from a Butler County producer and an affidavit signed by both the producer and the exhibitor, stating that said animal was both bred and born within Butler County.
 - b. Progeny from dams that were bred at the time of purchase are NOT eligible.

LIVESTOCK SALE RULES (CONT.)

10. Animals selected as Home Bred and County Bred Champions and Reserve Champions will be sold immediately following the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion for each of the respective species.
11. Animals selected as Home Bred and County Bred Champions and Reserve Champions for each species must be consigned to the Butler County Jr. Livestock Sale provided the sale participant does not exceed the maximum of 2 lots.

ANIMALS RAISED FOR CHARITY DONATION

1. 4-H clubs that have members carrying a market animal livestock project may apply to raise an animal to be sold through the sale to benefit a designated charity.
2. **The club must submit an application by MARCH 1 of the current year that designates the species of the animal and the charity of the club's choice to receive the proceeds of the sale.**
3. **There will be no more than 2 charity animals per species and a maximum of 6 charity animal lots. Clubs applying to raise a charity animal will designate a first and second choice of species.**
4. If multiple applications are received for any species, the club that raised an animal of that species in the prior year will NOT be eligible to raise the same species of animal in the current year. If multiple applications still exist, the club to raise the animal will be selected in a random drawing.
5. The charity must be approved by the Sale Committee.
6. Designated charity animals must be tagged at the appropriate tagging location. Animals will NOT be weighed.
7. Proceeds from the sale of this animal will go directly to the designated charity.
8. Designated charity animals will NOT be shown in the market classes at the Farm Show.
9. Designated charity animals will be penned with other animals of the same species and with the family who has provided the primary care.
10. These animals must meet all health requirements specific to their species as listed in this premium book.
11. These animals must be an acceptable market weight at time of sale as determined by the Sale Committee and the Farm Show species superintendent.
12. Charity animals will sell immediately prior to the start of the sale of member project animals.
13. The sale of these animals is exempt from sale commission and any check-off fees for that species.
14. The buyer(s) of designated charity animals will receive a banner similar to banners provided for sale champions.



ULTRASOUND CLASSES

**SUPERINTENDENT - LUKE VOGEL
SCANNING: SUNDAY DURING WEIGH IN
RESULTS ANNOUNCED
WEDNESDAY AT 10:00 AM
in the Livestock Ring**

See Species Sections for registration information.

Changes have been made to the live ultrasound class following discussions with exhibitors and parents. You no longer designate an animal JUST for the ultrasound class.

**YOU MAY SHOW THE SAME ANIMAL
IN BOTH THE MARKET SHOW AND
THE ULTRASOUND SHOW.**

In fact, all scanned entries MUST show in their respective market class. To enter the ultrasound class ALSO, you are required to enter both sections (_30 and _35) on the entry form.

- **YOU MAY ENTER MORE THAN ONE SPECIES IN THE ULTRASOUND CONTEST BUT ONLY ONE ENTRY PER SPECIES PER EXHIBITOR.**
- **AN ENTRY FEE of \$10.00 per scan is necessary to help defray the cost of the ultrasound.**
- **The contest is open to the four species (market steers, market lambs, market pigs, and market goats).**
- **Premiums will be paid with the champion and reserve champion of each species receiving a rosette and an award at the Friday night awards program. Premiums will be the same as live market projects with premiums paid to 10 places.**
- **Scans will be done Sunday during weigh in for those who enter an animal on their Farm Show entry form. Exhibitors should be with their animals during scanning.**
- **One class per species and all entries must be within the weight limits for that species. (Beef - 1,000 - 1,500 lbs.; Lambs - 90 - 160 lbs.; Hogs - 220 - 300 lbs.; Goats - 60 - 125 lbs.)**
- **Ultrasound placings will be announced and results posted but will not be used to determine the sale order or printed in the sale catalogue.**
- **You can share the scan data you are given with your buyers to let them know the quality of the product they are buying.**

DEPT. 10 JUNIOR SWINE

**SUPERINTENDENT - JAMES GOVAN (724-625-2613)
ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JULY 14,
AND MUST INCLUDE
(1) A SIGNED ENTRY FORM AND
(2) A WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM (page 215).**

**ANY AND ALL CLASSES, INCLUDING SHOWMANSHIP,
MUST BE ENTERED BY JULY 14.**

Entries will not be accepted at the show.

**USE THE ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE
ONLINE (INTERACTIVE), AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE, OR
THE FARM SHOW OFFICE (724-482-4000).**

**ARRIVAL: ALL SWINE MUST BE CHECKED,
WEIGHED IN AND PENNED
BETWEEN 9 AM AND 3 PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 4.**

**RELEASE TIME: 9 PM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 10.
*Exhibits and/or exhibitors leaving the show early without
permission will forfeit premiums and participation
in next year's show will be at the discretion of the Board.***

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

1. **THE ORIGINAL VCPR OR CVI ISSUED WITHIN
30 DAYS OF THE START OF THE SHOW (ON OR
AFTER JULY 8, 2024), AND INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFYING ALL ANIMALS IS REQUIRED.**

**IMPORTANT: VCPR or CVI MUST BE LEGIBLE,
READABLE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT WITH
ADDRESS, DATE, VET'S INFORMATION AND
INDIVIDUAL, UNIQUE PERMANENT ANIMAL
IDENTIFICATION (TATTOOS/NUMBERS). IT MUST
BE DARK ENOUGH TO READ.**

2. **All hogs will be inspected and must be found to be free of any evidence of infectious and contagious diseases or illness immediately prior to unloading by an accredited veterinarian or swine health monitor (Jim Govan) appointed by the livestock show committee. Hogs appearing unhealthy upon arrival will NOT be permitted to unload.**
3. **All swine must be permanently identified with an official 840 series radio frequency identification (RFID) tag and the ear tag number is recorded on the CVI. This tag can be provided by the producer you purchased your pig from, your accredited veterinarian may apply it, OR you may have a premise ID assigned to your farm by calling Allie Steck at The Pa Department of Agriculture (717-836-3235) and then order your own through a tag company. Be aware this last option will take a considerable amount of time (plan ahead).**
4. **All market swine shall move directly to a PDA or USDA licensed slaughter facility following the show and may not be diverted to premises other than a recognized slaughter establishment or a slaughter market in which the sales are designated slaughter only sales.**

DEPT. 10 SECT. 530 JUNIOR MARKET SWINE

SHOWTIME - MONDAY AT 6:00 PM
NO ENTRY FEE FOR JUNIOR SHOW.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JULY 14 AND MUST INCLUDE

- (1) A SIGNED MARKET ANIMAL ENTRY FORM (ONLINE) AND (2) A WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM (p. 215).

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Rules for All Exhibitors, Rules for Livestock Exhibitors, Guidelines for Care of Animals, PA Code of Show Ring Ethics, Rules for All Junior Shows, and the Livestock Sale Rules must be followed.
2. **Swine entries are limited to 2 hogs per person. Exhibitor should be prepared to pen the hogs together.**
3. Hogs will be brought to the grounds, checked in and weighed at the back door of the livestock building between 9 AM and 3 PM on SUNDAY, August 4.
4. **ANY PIGS NOT MAKING WEIGHT WILL BE IMMEDIATELY PUT BACK ON THE TRAILER OR TRUCK IN WHICH THEY ARRIVED AND REMOVED FROM THE GROUNDS.**
5. **MINIMUM WEIGHT OF 220 POUNDS: MAXIMUM 300 POUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. **Swine may be clipped.**
7. **DRENCHING, FORCE OR BOTTLE FEEDING OF ANY SWINE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE EXHIBITOR.**
8. All breeds show together. Can be barrows or gilts.
9. **Market pigs will be divided into 3 OR 4 weight divisions and the number of classes paying 10 places in each division will be determined by weight and number of entries at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.**
10. Large tack boxes or stacks of bales are NOT permitted in open pens. (They block air movement for the pigs.)
11. **The market hog show is terminal: All hogs must go directly to slaughter. Any hogs not going through the sale must go directly to slaughter. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make these arrangements and see that their animal gets on the load going to the packer. If this fails to be done and there are any pigs left at the Butler Farm Show, the exhibitor will be assessed a fee for hauling and future entries may be refused. NO SELF HAULING ALLOWED.**

CLASS.....1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th
\$17. \$16. \$14. \$12. \$11. \$10. \$9. \$8. \$7. \$6.

DEPT. 10 SECT. 535 ULTRASOUND MARKET SWINE

SUPERINTENDENT - LUKE VOGEL (724-482-4000)
SCANNING - SUNDAY 7:00 PM (during weigh in)
RESULTS - WEDNESDAY AT 10:00 AM
●● ENTRY FEE - \$10.00 ●●

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JULY 14 AND MUST INCLUDE

- (1) A SIGNED MARKET ANIMAL ENTRY FORM (ONLINE) AND (2) A WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM (p. 215).

RULES & REGULATIONS

REFER TO PAGE 92 FOR COMPLETE RULES

1. Same RULES AND REGULATIONS as in SECTION 530 - MARKET SWINE.
2. **MINIMUM WEIGHT OF 220 POUNDS: MAXIMUM 300 POUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

CLASS.....1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th
\$17. \$16. \$14. \$12. \$11. \$10. \$9. \$8. \$7. \$6.
Premiums for Others = \$5.

DEPT. 10 SECT. 540 SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

SHOWTIME - MONDAY AT 1:00 PM

Must be entered by July 14.

1. You must use one of your designated project animals for the showmanship class.
2. All breeds show together.
3. Exhibitor's age determined as of Jan. 1, current year.

CLASS.....1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th All Others
\$14. \$12. \$11. \$10. \$9. \$6.

1. EXHIBITORS 16 - 21 YEARS OF AGE
2. EXHIBITORS 14 - 15 YEARS OF AGE
3. EXHIBITORS 12 - 13 YEARS OF AGE
4. EXHIBITORS 10 - 11 YEARS OF AGE
5. EXHIBITORS 8 - 9 YEARS OF AGE

DEPT. 10 SECT. 550 GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

DAILY PREMIUMS:.....1st - \$10. 2nd - \$6. 3rd - \$4.

Exhibits will be scored daily (Monday through Friday) on the following criteria:

1. Cleanliness of animals and bedding.
2. Entry card and ribbons properly displayed with animals.
3. Keeping feed and equipment presentable.
4. Courtesy to people.

*Join in the fun at the Barnyard Olympics
at 2:30 on Wednesday in the Dairy Pavilion.*

Thank you for exhibiting
at the Butler Farm Show.
We hope you enjoyed your experience.
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR FOR THE 77TH -
AUGUST 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9, 2025!