

Solano County Fair – August 2-6, 2017  
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## **Livestock Ear Tagging Deadlines Announced for 2017 Solano County Fair** *Pre-registration process mandatory for all exhibitors planning to show market animals*

**Solano County, CA** – Exhibitors interested in showing their market animals in the Junior Livestock competition at the 2017 Solano County Fair need to start making plans now to have their animals pre-registered and tagged. Although the Fair is still four months away, running from August 2-6, the first tagging deadline is coming up quickly. The pre-registration and tagging process is mandatory for all market animals with different guidelines based on the type of animal as follows.

### **Market Beef Cattle**

- Exhibitor must own their animal by April 4.
- Tagging will take place on Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. in the livestock area at the Solano County Fairgrounds. A copy of the original bill of sale and yellow transportation records must also be provided.
- Feeder calves do not need to be tagged but only steers having tags will qualify for the Market Steer Show and Auction regardless of weight.
- All completed entry forms for market beef cattle, subsequent to pre-tagging, are due on or before June 4.

### **Market Goats and Sheep**

- Exhibitor must own their animal by June 3.
- Tagging will take place on Sunday, June 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the livestock area at the Solano County Fairgrounds. A copy of the original bill of sale and all completed entry forms and associated entry fees must also be provided at that time.



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- Market goats and sheep must have a Scrapie tag in their ear on tagging day which must remain in place until the end of the Solano County Fair. The breeder of the animal is responsible for providing the Scrapie tag.

### **Market Swine**

- Tagging will take place when animals are received at the Solano County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, August 1.
- All market swine exhibitors must submit all completed entry forms, associated entry fees, a copy of the animal's bill of sale and photos of both the front and back sides of the animal on or before June 4.

### **Market Rabbits, Chickens, Quail, Ducks and Turkeys**

- Exhibitor must own their animal and have it in their possession by July 3.
- There is no pre-tagging but all animals must have a species appropriate leg band or tattoo identification matching its entry form when the animal is received at the Solano County Fairgrounds on July 31.
- All completed entry forms, associated entry fees and a copy of the animal's bill of sale are due on or before June 30. Leg band or tattoo numbers must be listed on the entry form.

Exhibitors with market animals that meet the necessary qualifications have the opportunity to sell their animals at the Jack & Bernice Newell Memorial Livestock Auction scheduled for Saturday, August 5 at 1:30 p.m. during the Solano County Fair. Last year 157 lots were sold in the auction which raised just over \$114,000. The money raised goes back to the exhibitors and is typically used to cover the costs of raising their animals, as seed money for future animals and as contributions to their college funds.

Questions regarding market animal tagging or other entry questions can be directed to Kelly Fletcher, Livestock Superintendent, at [kfletcher@scfair.org](mailto:kfletcher@scfair.org) or 707-678-1465. Complete details



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for the Junior Livestock competition as well as the complete 2017 Blue Ribbon Competition Guidebook can be found on the Fair's web site, SCFair.com.

The Solano County Fair runs from August 2-6, 2017 at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo. 2017 Fair hours are 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

All of the following sources are available to get the latest updates and announcements about the annual Solano County Fair as well as year-round Fairgrounds activities:

- visit the Fair's web site, [SCFair.com](http://SCFair.com);
- follow the Fair on Facebook by clicking the link on the Fair's home page; or
- sign up to receive email blasts and newsletters by registering your email in the box at the top of the Fair's home page.

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