



February 7, 2023

To: JUNIOR EXHIBITORS,
PARENTS, LEADERS, & ADVISORS

From: Kelly Fletcher, Livestock Superintendent

RE: 2023 SOLANO COUNTY FAIR

Once again fair time is rapidly approaching and this year the Solano County Fair Association is proudly celebrating our 74th year. **"CELEBRATE SOLANO"** is our theme during our annual fair **June 15 through June 18, 2023**.

Fair Entries

At this time, we are working on our annual guide book, which is planned to be out in Mid-March. Entries will officially open when the guide books are posted online. Entries are due by May 26th, with the exception of Market Entry dates listed below. The information below focuses on market animals, which are being purchased at this time, as well as new/revised rules which were approved by the Fair Board late last month. Additional notices will be sent out as entries open and more fun fair information is available.

New – AG Day at the fair They Solano County Fair Association has traditionally hosted an Ag Day in spring each year. This year we are expanding this learning opportunity by moving our event to Thursday, June 15th, during the fair. We will be focusing on a family event to share information on agriculture in Solano County. More information will be coming in the near future on how you can participate.

2023 Approved Livestock Changes The following changes were approved by the Solano County Fair Association Board at the meeting on January 25, 2023.

1. **NEW** - 4-H, FFA or Grange members enrolled in a project as of March 1, 2023, will not be able to show in that project category as an Independent Junior. Effective 2024 this date will change from March 1, 2023, to January 1, 2024.
2. **Junior Livestock Auction Change** - An exhibitor may sell two (2) animals in the Junior Livestock Auction. This can be 2 large, 2 small or 1 large and 1 small. **EXCEPTION:** All Champions and Reserve Champions must be sold in the auction. If an exhibitor has multiple small animal Champions, they will also be allowed to sell one large animal.
3. **Junior Livestock Auction Change - ALL** exhibitors and their parent/legal guardian will be required to sign an Intent To Sell Form in the Livestock Office, within one hour after final acknowledgement that this is a terminal sale. Failure to sign the Intent To Sell Form will eliminate the exhibitor from participating in the Junior Livestock Auction. If an exhibitor chooses to remove their animal from the Junior Livestock Auction after the Intent To Sell Form has been signed and prior to the live auction, they may do so and will result in disqualifying them from showing Market animals at the 2024 Solano County Fair.
4. **Supreme Showmanship Change** - **Should an exhibitor win Showmanship in more than one specie within the same division, the Livestock Superintendent will determine which specie they will represent in Supreme Showmanship**, and second place exhibitor of the alternate specie will be moved up to compete. All exhibitors must wear whites and/or the official show uniform of the organization they represent.
5. **Supreme Showmanship Change** - Exhibitors winning first place in showmanship will be required to provide their animals for use in Supreme Showmanship. If you won in multiple species, we will be using all animals you won with even if you are not representing that species in the competition.
6. **Cameras In Use** - I will be working with Solano County Fair Legal Counsel to develop appropriate language to disclose that we have video cameras in use on the fairgrounds and in the barns 24 hours a day. Any inappropriate actions and/or breaking of fair rules captured on the video footage, may be used for enforcement of such violations.

This would be included in all guidebook sections, as cameras are now in place throughout the fairgrounds and buildings.

7. **Market Swine** – Exhibitors will be required to submit a signed form from their breeder verifying that their livestock are being raised in compliance with California Proposition 12 animal confinement regulations. These forms will be available online with the Guide Book in Mid-March, in addition to being attached to this letter for you

Proposed Rule **NOT** Implemented

Market Goats will remain at a **105 pound** maximum pay weight, and not reduced to 100 pounds.

Market Animals

1. Market Beef, Goat, Sheep and Swine will be limited to **three (3) entries** per exhibitor per species. Market Quail, Poultry, Rabbits and Turkeys are limited to **two (2) entries** per exhibitor per species.
2. There will not be pre-tagging of market animals for the 2023 fair. Fair staff will place tags on beef, goats, sheep and swine upon arrival at Fair in June.
3. **Independent junior exhibitors.** Per State Rules for California Fairs, entering market animals must provide Fair Management with a picture of their animal, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent tag, tattoo and/or hog ear notch information 120 days prior to the fair for beef (February 15, 2023) and 60 days (April 16, 2023) for sheep, swine and goats. This information only provides proof of ownership, to officially enter your animals, read #4 below.
4. **Market Beef, Goat, Sheep and Swine** exhibitors must submit completed online entries **on or before April 21, 2023.** Photos must clearly show current ear tags, ear notches and scrapie tags. Numbers must be visible in photos. See specific directions in the specie section of guide book.
5. **Market Poultry, Quail, Rabbits and Turkeys** must submit completed online entries **on or before May 26, 2023.**

2023 Market Animal Ownership Deadlines

<u>Official Ownership Deadline</u>	<u>Entry Deadline Date</u>
Steers-120 days (February 15, 2023)	April 21, 2023
Goats - 60 days (April 16, 2023)	April 21, 2023
Sheep - 60 days (April 16, 2023)	April 21, 2023
Swine - 60 days (April 16, 2023)	April 21, 2023
Quail, Poultry, Rabbits & Turkeys - 30 days May 16, 2023	May 26, 2023

2023 Market Animal Weights

Specie	Weight Range	Maximum Pay Weight for Auction
Beef	1,000 pounds and up	1,300 pound maximum pay weight
Goats	60 pounds and up	105 pound maximum pay weight
Sheep	100 pounds and up	150 pound maximum pay weight
Swine	215 pounds to 325 pounds (Hogs over 325 pounds may be used for Showmanship, but will not be eligible for Market classes)	300 pound maximum pay weight
Chickens	Not to exceed 6 pounds each	Sold by the lot
Quail	Less than 1 pound each	Sold by the lot
Rabbit Pen of 3	3 pounds to 6 pounds	Sold by the lot
Rabbit Fryer	3 pounds to 6 pounds	Sold by the lot
Rabbit Roaster	6 pounds to 9 pounds	Sold by the lot
Turkeys	15 pounds and up	Sold by the lot