

2009 North Central Arkansas District Fair

September 28 – October 3, 2009

Izard County Fairgrounds – Melbourne Arkansas

Livestock Department – Rules & Regulations

1. Interpretations and Violations of Rules: The North Central Arkansas District Fair Board reserves to its management the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the NCASDF exhibition, and the right to amend or add to any of these rules as its judgment may determine.

2. North Central Arkansas District Fair exhibitors are restricted as follows:

(A) Open only to Jr. Exhibitors. Jr. Exhibitors are those individuals 19 years of age or younger, single, and never married. Exhibitors may not exhibit after graduating from high school or earning a GED except for the fall immediately following graduation.

(B) Exhibitors must reside in the North Central District--Sharp, Izard, Fulton, Cleburne, Stone or Van Buren counties./OR

(C) If not a resident of the North Central District, then the exhibitor must attend a school in a county in the North Central District, or be a member of a 4-H or FFA chapter in the district. All exhibitors must be a 4-H or FFA member and be under the supervision of a 4-H or FFA advisor. Exhibitors who are not old enough to be 4-H or FFA members may show under the supervision of a parent/guardian.

(D) Jr. Exhibitors may show in only one District in Arkansas. Juniors are reminded that it is unethical to accept premium monies in more than one district. The North Central Arkansas Spring District Fair board reserves the right to withhold premium money if exhibitors do not abide by this rule.

3. Showing: All exhibitors must show their own animals except when an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, in which the animal(s) may be shown by another Jr. exhibitor.

4. Breeding Beef Ownership: Exhibitors must own their own animals and must have acquired title and taken possession of the animal by July 15, 2009. All breeding animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name (not the farm name). No pending registration will be accepted.

5. Livestock Check In: All breeding beef, swine, and sheep exhibitors must have animal's original registration papers (or faxed copies from breed associations) in possession when animals enter the fairgrounds. Animals must be checked in by the appointed time or they will be scratched from the books. All cattle must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued with ninety (90) days of the date of the fair.

6. Premiums: NCADF will pay premiums based on the total amount of money allocated from the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission after special prizes are purchased. Premiums will be paid on a point basis.

7. Youth Showmanship Contests: A showmanship contest will be included in each judged department. Contests will be held for Wee Junior (age 8 and under), Junior (age 9 -13), and Senior (age 14-19). Age is based on age as of January 1, 2009.

8. Care of Animals: Exhibitors will be responsible for the care and feeding of their animals. They should bring their own feed troughs and water buckets. Water will be furnished. Trailer parking will be available at an assigned location on the fairgrounds. All stalls, pens, and aisles must be cleaned by exhibitors before checking out. Please check out with superintendent before loading animals and leaving the fairgrounds. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of premium money.

9. Bedding: Each exhibitor will provide their own bedding. No straw is allowed in the barn, at tie- outs only.

10. Purebred Animals: All animals in Registered Breeding Beef classes, including Composites, must have registration papers. Purebred animals must be 75% or greater, depending on the respective breed associations; composite animals must be registered as low percentage with the respective breed association. These composite breeds will have their own breed divisions: (1) Charolais Composite, (2) Lim-Flex, (3) Maintainer, (4) Shorthorn Plus, and (5) Sim Solution. All other registered low percentage breeds not listed above will show in AOB (All Other Breeds) Composite. (Poultry, rabbits, and commercial and market classes are exempt).

11. Health Regulations: Refer to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission Health Regulations for exhibition requirements. The NCADF reserves the right to have a blood and urine laboratory analysis made for animals at the fair. Any exhibitor administering a drug to an animal which would render the carcass unfit for human consumption or any exhibitor of an animal's producing an analysis indicating the presence of an unapproved drug that can result in a quantitative or qualitative change in the characteristics of the animal will be required to return all premium money and could be banned from further competition at the fair. Their name and lab analysis will be submitted to the USDA for further investigation and possible prosecution. Any animal receiving medication for any life threatening disease or illness must be registered at the time they are entered in the fair.

12. Sick or Diseased Animals: Sick or diseased animals will not be permitted to show. In the event that a disease is detected, the owner will be asked to remove the animal from the fairgrounds. In the case of a dispute, fair officials will have authority to call a veterinarian at the expense of the owner.

13. FDA approved implants: may be used in steers, however, no drugs of any sort will be administered without strictly following recommended withdrawal procedures. All entries are subject to visual inspection and/or laboratory testing.

14. The act of artificially filling animals internally: This would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method is prohibited. Silicone injections or those injections for cosmetic purposes shall be prohibited. The only exception to this rule is only in the case of severely sick or severely dehydrated animals, the exhibitor may have fluids or electrolytes administered with the approval of the show superintendent.