

North Central Arkansas District Fair

September 27 – October 2, 2010

Livestock Departments

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1. **Interpretations and Violations of Rules:** The North Central Arkansas District Fair board of directors reserves 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 North Central Arkansas District Fair exhibition, and the right to amend or add to any of these rules as determined by the NCADF board of directors.
2. **Entry Fees and Deadlines:** All livestock entries including horses and poultry and rabbits must register by **September 1, 2010**.
 - **All livestock entries including horses, poultry and rabbits must be made online** at <http://ncadf.fairmanager.com>. It is very important that all information requested is entered. The NCADF must have breed information for the breed classes. If an exhibitor does not have access to a computer, please contact your Vo-Ag instructor or your County Extension Agent.
 - Entry fees are \$7.50 for beef and dairy cattle and \$5.00 for horses, goats, sheep, and swine. There is no entry fee for poultry and rabbits.
 - A late entry fee of \$15.00 for beef and dairy cattle and \$10.00 for horses, goats, sheep, and swine will be charged for entries received after September 1st. No entries will be accepted after **Monday, September 20, 2010**.
 - All entries will be entered in the computer before the fair opens which will make it possible for the NCADF officials to have the premium checks out before the state fair opens.
3. **North Central Arkansas District Fair exhibitors are restricted as follows:**
 - Beef and Dairy exhibition is open to junior and open exhibitors. Goats, Sheep, and Swine exhibition is only open to junior exhibitors because of space limitations. Poultry and Rabbits exhibition is open to junior and open exhibitors. Junior exhibitors are defined as those 19 years of age or younger, single and never have been married. Exhibitors may not exhibit after graduating from high school or earning a GED except for the fall following graduation.
 - Exhibitors must reside in one of the counties in the NCADF area---Cleburne, Fulton, IZARD, Sharp, Stone or Van Buren counties or attend school in one of these counties or be a member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter in the 6-county district area. The NCADF board of directors has approved Independence county exhibitors who are 4-H or FFA members to show in the NCA district fair since Independence County will not be officially included in the NCADF area until 2011. No state funds will be used to pay premiums for Independence County exhibitors..

- Junior exhibitors must be a member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter and be under the supervision of 4-H or FFA advisor. Exhibitors who are not old enough to be in 4-H or FFA can show under the supervision of their parents/guardian.
 - Exhibitors may show in only one district fair in Arkansas. The North Central Arkansas District Fair Board reserves the right to withhold premium money if exhibitors do not abide by this rule.
4. **Showing:** All exhibitors must show their own animals unless exhibitor has more than one animal in a class. If the exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, another junior member may show their animal (s).
 5. **Breeding Beef Ownership:** Exhibitors must own their own animals and must have acquired title and taken possession of the animal by July 15, 2010. All breeding animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name (not the farm name). No pending registration will be accepted.
 6. **Control of Animals:** All open and junior exhibitors must have complete control of their animals in the show ring at all times. If, in the opinion of the Show official, an animal is unruly to the point of endangering other exhibitors or animals, that animal will be excused from the ring and disqualified. All breeding cattle and steers for exhibition must be shown with halters and be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled by one attendant on foot. All Bulls, 6 months old or older on date of show, must be shown with a nose ring or nose clip and lead attached.
 7. **Livestock Check-In:** All breeding animals in the beef, swine and sheep departments must have the animal's original registration papers (or faxed copies from breed associations) in possession when animals enter the fairgrounds. **All entry fees that are due must be paid at check-in or premiums will be withheld.** Animals must be checked in during official check-in times or their entries will be deleted from the records.
 8. **Premiums:** NCADF will pay premiums based on the total amount of money allocated from the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and local funds after other awards are purchased. Premiums are paid on a point basis.
 9. **Youth Showmanship Contests:** A showmanship contest will be included in each department and ribbons will be awarded but no premiums will be paid. Contests will be held for Wee Junior (age 8 and under), Junior (ages 9-13), and Senior (ages 14-19). Age is based on age on January 1, 2010.
 10. **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. Livestock trailers can be parked on the fairgrounds in the assigned location. All stalls, pens, and aisles must be cleaned by exhibitors before checking out. Please check with the department superintendent before loading animals and leaving the fairgrounds. Failure to comply with official check-out times will result in forfeiture of premium money.
 11. **Bedding:** Each exhibitor will provide their own bedding. No straw is allowed in the barn,

- 12. 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. AOB (All Other Breeds) Composite maybe divided due to breeding at the discretion of the livestock superintendent. (Poultry, rabbits, and commercial and market classes are exempt).
- 13. 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.
- 14. Exhibitor Affidavit:** All livestock exhibitors should turn in the Exhibitor Affidavit stating that their animals are healthy at check-in.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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 are prohibited. The only exception to this rule is only in the case of a severely dehydrated animal, the exhibitor may have fluids or electrolytes administered with the approval of the show superintendent.
- 18. Camper Hookups:** FFA chapters or individuals may rent space for a travel trailer during the NCADF. The rental fee is \$15.00 per night. The fee is to be paid at the livestock office and a tag will be issued to be placed on the travel trailer.
- 19.** If an exhibitor has a preference on their stall location, email the livestock superintendents, Janie Evans at JEvans@wrnc.com or Wayna Dockins at wdockins@asumh.edu.
- 20.** Questions regarding livestock exhibits should be emailed to the livestock superintendents.

