

MENARD COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

Approved by the Show Board April 2018

I. General Rules & Regulations

The main purpose of the Menard County Jr Livestock Show is to support youth involved in Menard County 4-H & FFA programs.

- A. The Board and its associates will not be responsible for accidents, damage, harm or injury to or loss of livestock, exhibitors, spectators, participants, or equipment. All exhibitors of livestock and those having charge of livestock shall guard, protect, and preserve them because the association and its directors do not undertake to do so and furthermore will not be responsible for any loss, damage, harm or injury of livestock, owners, people, spectators, participants, or equipment.
- B. Any exception to rule will be determined by majority vote of the Menard County Jr. Livestock Board of Directors.
- C. Violation of a Menard County Jr. Livestock Show rule/regulation can result in an exhibitor and/or entry being disqualified from exhibiting without refund of entry fees paid... and/or ... forfeiture of any show awards/premiums. A disqualified entry must be immediately removed from the show.
- D. The Menard County Jr Livestock Show follows the drug policy of all Major Livestock Shows.

II. Youth Eligibility

- A. Currently enrolled in the Menard Public School System (kindergarten thru 12th grade) and/or home schooled, and an active member in good standing with the Menard County 4-H Club / FFA Chapter and approved by School officials as eligible for UIL events (passing grades, etc.).
- B. Each exhibitor is responsible to work at least 3 hours at County Wide "announced" Workdays. (cleanup, fund raising, concession stand, etc.) **Fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be deducted** from the exhibitor's premium check that fail to carry through with their responsibilities. Any family member can be substituted to fulfill an exhibitor's work obligation. ("No Excuses"... all funds derived from the exhibitors choice not to work will be utilized by the association for future show improvements and cleanup)
- C. **Substitution Eligibility**
 1. An eligible exhibitor may be substituted to show/sale an animal owned by another eligible exhibitor with the approval by the show superintendent for the following conditions... exhibitor with more than one entry in a class... or exhibitor illness at time of show. Other "hardship" excuses referred by the show superintendent will require a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
 2. All "substitution excuses" must be brought to the attention and approved prior to the start of the event by the show superintendent.

III. Premium Sale Eligibility

- A. Market animals, breeding animals, and food entries "approved for show" are eligible for the premium sale. Futurity animals, arts & crafts, clothing, and other exhibited items not listed within these rules are not eligible for the premium sale, but are eligible for approved premium prize monies.
- B. Each exhibitor must feed a minimum of two (2) animals.. and both animals must qualify for the show in order to be eligible to sell one eligible entry in the premium sale. (*Exception - Cattle only requires 1 animal to be qualified to be eligible for the sale*).
- C. All show entries must remain within their assigned pen/area until released by the general show superintendent... or premiums will be forfeited.
- D. Exhibitor must be present at the premium sale to sell their animal/food... or their premiums will be forfeited.
- E. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the sale committee prior to the end of the final class of the show the item they wish to sell in the premium auction ... or the sale committee will designate the highest "unit base" eligible animal/item and only that entry will be eligible to sell.
- F. The PREMIUM SALE ORDER will be sorted from highest to lowest placing animals. When two or more animals have the same placing, the sale order will be sorted in the following order ... Mk Lambs, Mk Hogs, Mk Goats, Mk Rabbits, Mk Steers, Br. Sheep, Br. Gilts, Br. Goats, Br Rabbits, Br. Heifers... then by class show order within the specie division. Food items will be sold at the beginning of the auction.
- G. Each exhibitor will receive the sponsors premium sale and "add-ons" monies pledged minus a sale commission of 10 % percent from their premium total. The Association can deduct additional funds from the exhibitor premiums owed to the Association, 4-H club, and/or FFA chapter.
Example: Youth Workday responsibilities, validation and entry fees, late Thank You cards, uncollected / uncashed premiums, and/or any other unpaid expenses owed to the Association, 4-H, and/or FFA.
- H. Exhibitors must turn in THANK YOU cards (properly addressed & postage paid) to the County Extension office within 45 DAYS following the show. Exhibitors that FAIL to turn in their THANK YOU cards after the 45 DAY DEADLINE will have **FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) deducted** from their premium check for barn improvements.
- I. Premium checks will be issued to exhibitors that have met all eligibility requirements after sufficient funds have been received from sponsors (normally in late March, early April). **The exhibitor will have 90 days after the premium issue date to pickup & cash their premium checks.** All uncollected, uncashed, and/or failure to meet all premium requirements within these 90 days will FORFEIT the exhibitor premium for that year.

IV. Premium Buyers and Other Contributors

- A. **PREMIER (#1 top buyer) and TOP 10 BUYERS (next 10 top buyers) ...**
Proceeds pledged at the Premium Sale by buyers through "winning sale bids", and/or 'show sponsorships' pledged prior to or within seven days preceding the Premium Sale... will be used to determine the top buyers of the premium sale.
- B. **SHOW SPONSORSHIPS - GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE, and AWARD/BUCKLE SPONSORS ...** Proceeds received from pledged sponsorships, awards, premium sale winning bids, "add-on" monies, bake sale, and/or board approved donated items will be included in the sponsor's total contributions to determine the level of sponsorship earned by the individual, business, etc.. Other fund raising projects (raffle, concession, shuffle suppers, etc.) will not be included without board approval.
- C. **ADD ON MONIES ...** Proceeds given by individuals or businesses must be declared to the Association at the Menard County Extension Office within seven (7) working days following the show. The donor can designate the exhibitors to receive the funds.
- D. All pledges must be paid in full within 90 days following the premium sale to be eligible for recognition in the next show.
- E. **Rotating Memorial Trophies** are the property of the Association. Approval and/or retirement of a rotating memorial trophy is determined by majority vote of the board. At the premium awards program, an appointed representative will present the rotating memorial trophy to the winning exhibitor... who becomes responsible for the care & up keep, all engraving costs, and the return of the trophy prior to the next year's premium award program. If there is not a winner, the Association will keep & maintain the trophy until a future winner is declared or the trophy is retired.

V. SPECIES DEPARTMENT SHOWS

General Specie Department Show Guidelines

- A. **All Exhibitors and Parents must abide by the ethic guidelines outlined in the “Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy”** . Details of this policy is found at the Menard County AgriLife Extension Service website <http://menard-tx.tamu.edu/> under publication > county show.
- B. Each Specie Department Show, Division Show, and/or Futurity must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- C. For the following approved division shows (Market Steers, Breeding Heifers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Hogs) to be conducted... There must be at least one (1) family to validate and enter at least one (1) animal for the specie show to be held:
- D. For the following approved division shows (Breeding Rabbits, Market Rabbits, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goats, Breeding Hogs) to be conducted... There must be at least two (2) families to validate & enter at least two (2) animals for the specie show to be held.

Animal Eligibility

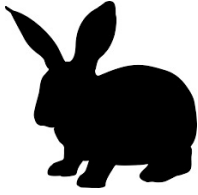
- A.. Animals must be properly entered on or before December 1. Refer to Section III, Rule G regarding non payment of entry fees.
- B. Animals must be owned and on feed before the designated validation workshop under the direct supervision of a Menard Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent.
- C.. All livestock entries must be validated, continuously owned, cared for, exhibited, entered, and sold by the validated owner. *Note: Immediate family members can validate several animals as a family... however at check-in, each “family” exhibitor must assign ownership for the animal (s) they plan to show and sell.*
- D. **All animals must arrive in “ready to show” condition.** No electric “motor driven” clippers can be used on animals while at the show. Only minor “hand” grooming of animals is allowed. Electric “hair” groomers/blowers can only be utilized if powered by personal generators.
- E. Any animal as determined by the Breed Superintendent that is deemed unworthy of show quality; for any reason; or in any way represents a health threat to other animals will be sifted. A sifted animal may not be shown or sold in the sale. Non domestic animals will not be permitted to show.
- F. The decision of the judge/classifier will be final in all classes. No protests accepted.
- G. The decision of the General Superintendent and Breed Superintendents will be final. No protests accepted.

Champion Eligibility

- A. **Grand & Reserve Grand Champions** will be selected for each specie show. The following animals are eligible to show for Grand & Reserve Grand Champion honors within their respective specie show:
 - 1) Breed or division champions.
 - 2) First & second place animals without a breed or division champion selected ... rule B. under “Champion Eligibility”.
 - 3) First & second place animals with only single entry and/or family animals... rule C. under “General Specie Department Guidelines”.
- B. **Breed/Division Champions** will be selected when there are at least two animals with two families represented in a specie show. When NO Breed/Division Champions are selected, the animal is eligible to sell as a placing animal.
- C. NO Champions shall be named in cases where entries do not merit the title of Champion or Reserve Champion according to the judge.

Showmanship Eligibility

- A. Showmanship for each specie will be an “OPEN” event and voluntary for any exhibitor to show or not to show.
- B. Each exhibitor must be the designated owner of the animal as officially entered in the show to be considered for showmanship.
- C. Showmanship divisions will be divided by the exhibitor’s age as of the day of the show ... Junior Class (13 and under)... Senior Class (14 and over)
- D. A Showmanship Judge will be selecting the showmanship winners during the judging of the species classes. One Junior and One Senior Showmanship Buckle will be awarded for each specie Department - Sheep, Swine, Cattle, Goats, & Rabbits.



RABBIT DEPARTMENT

GENERAL RULES (both market and breeding shows)

Ownership & Validation - First weekend in November

A county validation workshop will be held in early November.

Recommend that all rabbits be owned and on feed prior to November 1.

All rabbits must have a permanent tattoo for show.

***Rabbits exhibited must be a credit to the show. A sifted animal may not be
n nor sold in the sale.***

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→ **If Rabbits are the only animal shown - must show a total of 4 rabbits to be eligible for sale.**

MARKET RABBIT SHOW

A. Check-In Requirements

-Can enter and show two (2) pens of rabbits

-A pen consists of 3 rabbits of either sex (**each rabbit will not exceed 5.5 lbs**)

B. Specific Show Requirements

-All market rabbits will be shown together as one division that can be divided into weight classes

BREEDING RABBIT SHOW

A. Check-In Requirements

-Can enter and show four (4) breeding rabbits

B. Specific Show Requirements

-Breeding rabbits will be shown by sex when two (2) or more rabbits are qualified in each of the following divisions:

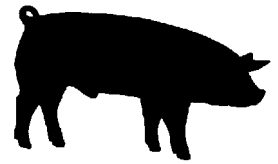
Buck Division

Doe Division

-A Breeding Rabbit Division can be divided into age classes if two or more rabbits can be shown in each class.

Junior Class - 6 months and younger

Senior Class - over 6 months of age



SWINE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL RULES (both market and breeding shows)

Ownership & Validation - October 31

Recommended that all hogs be owned and on feed prior to October 31 for the County Show. held in early November for county and state validation.

A county validation workshop will be

Swine exhibited must be a credit to the show. A sifted animal may not be shown nor sold in sale.

MARKET HOG SHOW

A. Check-In Requirements

- Weight limit - 100 lbs to 260 lbs.
- Each exhibitor can enter and show a maximum of 4 market hogs.
- No clipping on hogs after weigh-in.
- All barrows must meet the criteria of a the current Texas Swine Classification Standards

B. Specific Show Requirements

- Barrows will be divided in the following divisions: no gilts (see exception under Gilt Show, rule A)
 - Market Division
 - Prospect Division
- Each division can be divided into the following classes
 - Black OPB & their crosses
 - White OPB & their crosses
- Classes can be sub-divided by weight ... Must have at least 5 hd to divide into two (2) weight classes, or 8 hd for three (3) weight classes (Recommended no single entry classes). Wt. Classes limited to three wt classes - light, medium, heavy)

BREEDING GILT SHOW

A. General Rules

- Four or more gilts must be validated and entered to have a Breeding Gilt Show, or the gilts will be shown in the Market Hog Show.

B. Check-In Requirements

- Each exhibitor can enter and show a maximum of 4 gilts.
- Registration papers are not required.
- Weight Limit - 100-260 lbs

C. Specific Show Requirements

- Boers are not eligible for show.
- Gilts will be shown in the following Divisions as determined by the show committee or classifier.
- There must be at least 2 gilts per division, or the gilts will be shown together as one division.
 - Black OPB & their crosses
 - White OPB & their crosses
- Classes can be sub-divided by weight ... Must have at least 5 hd to divide into two (2) weight classes, or 8 hd for three (3) weight classes (Recommended no single entry classes). Wt. Classes limited to three wt classes - light, medium, heavy)

SHEEP DEPARTMENT



GENERAL RULES (both market and breeding shows)

Ownership & Validation - October 31

- A. It is recommended that all sheep be owned and on feed prior to October 1.
- B. A county validation workshop will be held in mid October to validate lambs for county and the major shows. *Note- Major shows ownership deadline for market lambs is October 31 and breeding ewe registration papers must be in the exhibitor name by November 1.*

Sheep exhibited must be a credit to the show. A sifted animal may not be shown nor sold in the sale.

MARKET LAMB SHOW

A. Shearing Deadline - On or prior to the 3rd weekend in November

Shorn slick above hock... no shearing afterwards

B. Check-In Requirements

-Each exhibitor can enter and show a maximum of 3 market lambs per breed... no ewe lambs.

-Minimum weight for Southdowns and Hair sheep- 75 lbs... All other eligible breeds - 90 lbs.

-All lambs must have all milk teeth.

-All lambs must meet the criteria of the current Texas Lamb Classification Standards

C. Specific Show Requirements

-Market lambs will be shown in the following breed divisions:

Finewool Breeds Division

Finewool Cross Breeds Division

Medium Wool Breeds Division (all medium wool breeds except Southdowns)

Southdown Breed Division (Southdowns are not eligible to show in the Medium Wool Division)

Hair Sheep Breeds Division

Classes can be sub-divided by weight ... Must have at least 5 hd to divide into two (2) weight classes, or 8 hd for three (3) weight classes

(Recommended no single entry classes). Wt. Classes limited to three wt classes - light, medium, heavy)

D. The Medium Wool Rotating Memorial Trophy is presented to the top lamb from the Medium Wool, Southdown, and/or Hair Sheep division. If

none of these division winners are selected as a Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion, then the show judge will designate the top medium wool lamb (from within these divisions) to receive the Medium Wool Rotating Memorial Trophy during the awards program.

BREEDING SHEEP SHOW

A. Shearing Deadline - on or after October 1

-slick shorn from hock up

B. Check-In Requirements

-Each exhibitor can enter and show a maximum of 3 breeding sheep per breed.

-Commercial and registered ewes are eligible for the county show..

C. Specific Show Requirements

Takes four (4) or more ewes validated and entered to make a breed division, or ewe will be shown in the AOB division. Only breeding ewes of the following breeds will be shown: (Rams are not eligible)

Suffolk

Hampshire

Dorset

Southdown

Rambouillet

AOB (All Other Breeds)

-Classes within each breed division will be divided by the ewe's age (teeth showing) at check-in.

Ewe lambs

Yearling ewes

Aged ewes

JUNIOR EWE FUTURITY

A. Shearing Deadline - on or after October 1

-slick shorn from hock up

B. Check-In Requirements

-May validate as many as four (4) ewe lambs, but are allowed to show only one pair of ewe lambs.

-fall or spring ewe lambs may be shown

-futuraity ewes are not eligible for the regular breeding sheep show.

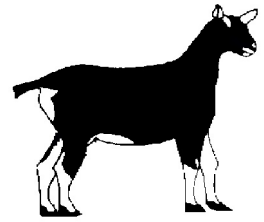
C. Specific Show Requirements

-Futuraity ewes are eligible for premium prize monies only.

-The Ewe Lamb Futurity will be evaluated as follows:

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| 1. Record Form | | 10% |
| 2. Ewe Placing & Judging Questions | 15% | |
| 3. Wool Placing & Judging Questions | | 15% |
| 4. Sheep Quiz | | 15% |
| 5. Live Evaluation of Ewes | | 45% |

GOAT DEPARTMENT



GENERAL RULES (both market and breeding shows)

Ownership & Validation - October 31

- A. It is recommended that all goats be owned and on feed prior to October 1.
- B. A county validation workshop will be held in mid October to validate goats for county and the major shows. *Note- Major shows ownership deadline for market goats is October 31 and breeding goat registration papers must be in the exhibitor name by November 1.*
- C. Goats must be trained to lead and show by chain or halter.
- D. Horns must be tipped with tips no smaller than a dime. *(Note: if you are going on to majors, they must be dehorned)*

Goats exhibited must be a credit to the show. A sifted animal may not be shown nor sold in the sale.

MARKET MEAT GOAT SHOW

A. Shearing Deadline - On or prior to the 3rd weekend in November

Shorn slick above hock... no shearing afterwards

B. Check-In Requirements

-Each exhibitor can enter and show a maximum of 3 market goats.

-No does can be shown in the market meat goat show ... see exception under Breeding Meat Show, General Rules, A);

-Minimum weight - 60 lbs.

C. Specific Show Requirements

-Only muttons of Spanish goats, dairy goats, Angora, Boars or crosses of these breeds are eligible for show.

-All breeds and their crosses will be shown together by division, broken into weight classes.

-It is recommended there be at least 5 hd to divide into two (2) weight classes, or 8 hd for three (3) weight classes ... and for every 3 classes have another division, not to exceed 3 divisions for the show (light wt division, middle wt division, heavy wt division).

BREEDING MEAT GOAT SHOW

A. General Rules

-Four or more breeding goats must be validated & entered to have a Breeding Goat Show, or does will be shown in the Market Show.

-Breeding meat goats do not have to be sheared.

-All breeding goats must be tagged or have an individual ID tattoo.

B. Check-In Requirements

-Each exhibitor can enter and show a maximum of 3 breeding meat "doe" goats no billies

-Minimum weight - 60 lbs.

-Goats must only have milk teeth showing... Does showing permanent teeth will not be eligible for show.

C. Specific Show Requirements

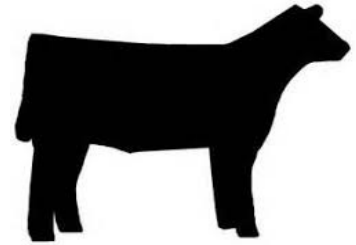
-Commercial and registered does are eligible for show. However, registration papers need to be in the exhibitor name.

-Only meat goat breeds or crosses of these breeds are eligible for show. (Angora Goats are not eligible for show)

-All breeding meat goats will be shown together by division, broken into weight classes.

-It is recommended there be at least 5 hd to divide into two (2) weight classes, or 8 hd for three (3) weight classes ... and for every 3 classes have another division, not to exceed 3 divisions for the show (light wt division, middle wt division, heavy wt division).

CATTLE DEPARTMENT



GENERAL RULES (both market and breeding shows)

- A. Cattle must be halter broken (able to lead and be shown on a halter)... cattle that are unruly and/or a possible danger to other animals, exhibitors, or spectators can be "sifted" from showing and not eligible for the premium sale.
- B. Cattle must be dehorned. (*exception: heifers where breed associations allows horns in their state show - example, Horned Herefords Heifers.*)
- C. Cattle must arrive groomed "ready for show" with no additional clipping allowed on the show grounds during the show. Hair Blowers can be operated only by personal generators.
- D. The cattle shows will be "blow and show"... meaning no adhesives, artificial coloring, and/or painting allowed. Water based hair products are allowed.

Cattle exhibited must be a credit to the show. A sifted animal may not be shown nor sold in the sale.

MARKET STEER SHOW

A. Ownership & Validation - June 30

-Recommended that all steers be owned and on feed prior to June 1. A county validation workshop will be held in mid June. *Note- Major shows ownership deadline for market steers is June 30.*

B. Check-In Requirements

- Each exhibitor can enter and show a maximum of 3 market steers.
- Minimum weight -900 lbs.
- No heifers can be shown as a market animal.

C. Specific Show Requirements

- Steers must meet the criteria of the current Texas Steer Classification Standards of an American Breed to show ABC.
- Steers can be divided into two (2) breed divisions if two or more steers can be shown in each division
 - ABC (American) Breeds
 - AOB (All Other) Breeds

-Classes can be sub-divided by weight ... Must have at least 5 hd to divide into two (2) weight classes, or 8 hd for three (3) weight classes (Recommended no single entry classes). Wt. Classes limited to three wt classes - light, medium, heavy)

BREEDING HEIFER SHOW

A. Ownership & Validation Deadline - October 31

Recommended that all heifers be owned and on feed prior to October 1. A county validation workshop will be held in mid October.
Note- Majority of the Texas Major winter shows registration papers need to be in the owners name prior to November.

B. Check-In Requirements

- Each exhibitor can enter and show a maximum of 3 breeding heifers. No bulls are eligible for show.
- No Minimum weight
- Heifer must be weaned, and between 7 months to 18 month of age as of December 31 the year of the show.
- Commercial and registered heifers are eligible for show. However, registration papers need to be in the exhibitor name.

C. Specific Show Requirements

- All heifers must have registration papers of an American Breed, or meet the criteria of the current Texas Steer Classification Standards of an American Breed to show ABC.
- Heifers can be divided into two (2) breed divisions if two or more heifers can be shown in each division
 - ABC (American) Breeds
 - AOB (All Other) Breeds
- Heifers will be divided by "age" if all heifers have registration papers to prove birth dates... if not, all heifers will be weighed and divided into "weight" classes as determined by the cattle committee.
- Must have at least 5 hd to divide into two (2) age/weight classes, or 8 hd for three (3) age/weight classes (Recommended no single entry classes). Classes limited to three age/weight classes.

