

2025 Beaver Community Fair Rules

Showmanship Senior Age 16+

Showmanship Intermediate Age 12-15

Showmanship Junior Age 8-11

Showmanship Novice 8-11 Never shown this species before

General Animal Rules ~

1. Any exhibitor wishing to enter an animal into any youth/market livestock class must not have reached 21 years of age as of January 1 prior to that year's fair. This rule will take effect for all species in 2024, EXCEPT MARKET STEERS.
2. All animal shows will be considered "all natural". Any artificial means to change the form, shape or functionality of an animal will disqualify it from competition.
3. 4-H and Vocational Division is open to Snyder County 4-H and FFA members only.
4. 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitors must be taking the project during the current year and have the books evaluated or approved by the organization's advisor/educator in order to participate in 4-H/FFA related fair events.
5. Any animal of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition, or showing signs of sickness may be removed from the fair as deemed necessary by the Livestock Manager or Fair President.
6. Swine must arrive at the fair Saturday, 6-8 pm for check in.
7. All beef, sheep, and goats must arrive at the fairgrounds from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday for check in.
8. Dairy animals may arrive Sunday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Monday 9:00 am to 6:30 pm for check in.
9. Rabbits must arrive Sunday for check in and weighing 10 am – 12 pm.
10. Poultry must arrive Wednesday for check-in at a time to be determined.
11. Health Paperwork for Animal Exhibition:
 1. Swine : Before unloading, a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 14 days of the fair, must be presented at check in .
 2. Poultry: An Owner-Endorsed Poultry Health Certificate or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health chart or CVI), must accompany all poultry. As well as Avian Influenza test results within the 30 day rule. Poultry see Dept 10 Class 80.
 3. All other animals must present with a CVI issued within 30 days of the fair, (except rabbits), and will be verified before unloading animals.
12. Market animals are to be shown and presented for show/sale by the exhibitor. In case of two entries in the same class or illness of the exhibitor, another 4-H or FFA member may show the animal. Any 4-H or FFA member unable to show their animal, either at the show or sale, for any reason must submit a letter to the Livestock Manager seeking permission to have them shown by another 4-H or FFA member. An adult may not present animals entered in a youth competition to the judge.

13. Ownership: To be eligible for competition, whether singly or in groups, animals must be bona fide property of the exhibitor by July 15 as evidenced by their registration paper issued by their US Breed Association. No photostats or other copies will be accepted. Pending transfers will not be accepted. Exhibitors are advised to keep registration certificates available at all times.

14. 4-H members leasing animals must have the appropriate lease paperwork completed and approved by the 4-H Educator on or before June 1. FFA members leasing animals must have the project as part of their AET and it must be approved by the advisor.

15. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor unless a leased project, with required paperwork.

16. Exhibitors and a parent/guardian are required to attend one of the following exhibitor meetings:

Sunday 3:00 pm, or Monday 7:00 pm

17. Exhibitors staying on the grounds overnight must register at the livestock office. Exhibitors under 18 years of age must complete a permission slip found at beaverfair.org and submit to the livestock office. All exhibitors must check in with the nightly chaperone at 10 pm. Only exhibitors are eligible to complete an overnight form. Approval to stay overnight will be granted on the accessibility of chaperones.

18. All dairy and livestock exhibitors must supply feed and bedding for their animals, as well as the needed equipment. Care for animals must be provided daily.

19. If your fair pen is found to be in an unacceptable condition, the Livestock Manager and Sale Manager will tie a red ribbon on your pen and you will be notified. If after 24 hours your pen hasn't been cleaned, you will be assessed a \$25 fee per occurrence. When a pen is flagged the exhibitor must report to the Livestock office when cleaned. A fair official must check the pen. Flags may be removed by a fair official only. At the discretion of the Livestock Manager, Fair Manager, and Fair President, pens can be sent home.

20. Exhibitors with animals in the swine, lamb, and goat pens will be required to clean out their pens before Sunday night. Rabbit and Poultry exhibitor pens must be cleaned by Saturday night. When all Bovine are removed, the exhibitor is expected to move their bedding 2ft from the wall or center divider of their stall. Pens not cleaned will result in a loss of premium checks.

21. Barn Cleaning starts promptly at 12:00 PM Sunday. All Tack and Animals MUST be REMOVED before noon on Sunday.

22. No animal shall be on the premises if it has been administered a forbidden substance in any manner. A forbidden substance is any stimulant, depressant, or local anesthetic which might affect the behavior of the animal. No drugs are permitted to be administered to any animal without permission of the department superintendent, livestock manager or an accredited veterinarian.

23. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited space. Exhibitors are asked to use sound judgment as to the number of entries because of this limited space. Space will be allocated on a square footage per animal basis with Snyder County Youth Livestock Sale entries receiving first priority, and then in this order: youth

breeding (6 per exhibitor with a total of 12 per farm, firm or family), Open breeding (6 per exhibitor with a total of 12 per farm, firm or family), and out of county open breeding.

24. In the event of the death of an animal, the exhibitor must provide an autopsy by an accredited veterinarian and subsequent test to determine the cause of the animals' death.

25. Stall assignments will be made by the Livestock/Dairy Manager and Committee. Exhibitors and parents may request special placement but should know this may not be possible.

26. No stalls will be used for tack or feed unless assigned and approved by the Livestock Manager and Committee.

27. All animal entries are to be entered on the ezfair website. A link can be found on beaverfair.org. Copies of Official Breed Association Registration forms for all purebred, non-market animals may be uploaded or turned in to the livestock manager.

28. September 1 is the final date to scratch an animal. "No-show" animals will need a veterinarian's certificate to indicate why the animal is not being exhibited, or a \$25 fee will be deducted from exhibitor's premium check.

29. Animals must be double tied with neck chains/collars and a halter.

30. Check out will begin at the close of the tractor pulls or 11 pm at the discretion of the fair board.

Youth Livestock Sale - Department 10

1. See General Animal Rules.

2. Exhibitors must be members of the Snyder County 4-H Club and/or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors need to have taken the project they enter in 4-H/FFA during the current year in the species in order to exhibit at fair.

3. A 4-H member is enrolled when the member's enrollment is approved by the county 4-H educator. A 4-H member must be in "good standing" with the 4-H office to exhibit at the fair.

4. FFA record books must be verified by the advisor, for the exhibitor to be eligible to show during the current fair. Advisors will provide a list to the Livestock Manager by September 4.

5. 4-H animal projects books must be judged at or prior to 4-H Round-up. Those failing to have books judged before Beaver Fair will be ineligible for competition in youth classes and be ineligible for the Youth Livestock Sale. An alternate project animal for all species may be tagged and the exhibitor's choice of animals brought to the fair.

6. An alternate project animal for all species may be tagged and exhibitors' choice of animals brought to the fair. A family alternate is no longer available, instead alternates must be registered to an exhibitor and records kept on that animal.

7. All animals must be castrated, and cattle must be dehorned by a method chosen by the exhibitor prior to arrival at the fairgrounds on tagging day. Animals not castrated and dehorned will not be tagged and therefore will be unable to be entered for the show.

8. If during the check of the animal upon arrival at the fair the exhibitor must realize that animals found to have testicular tissue will be sent home.

9. All chutes and generators need to be in designated areas. The fair has the right to remove any generators causing undue noise.

Fair Arrival and Animal Check in and Weighing

1. There will be no re-weighs during weigh-in Sunday of fair.
2. Exhibitors may show and sell a maximum of 6 lots from the following: 1 steer; 1 dairy feeder; 2 lambs; 2 hogs; 2 goats, 1 meat pen (rabbit), 1 single fryer (rabbit), 1 meat pen (poultry) and 1 roaster (poultry).
3. Swine must arrive on the fairgrounds Saturday between 6 and 8 pm. All other livestock sale animals must arrive on the fairgrounds on Sunday between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm. Only the maximum number of animals eligible to be exhibited per species may be brought to the fairgrounds. Animals designated as alternates may not be weighed if those chosen do not meet weight requirements.
4. All livestock will be weighed at the fair according to the following schedule:
 - Swine 8:00 pm Saturday
 - Rabbits 10 am – 12 noon Sunday
 - Poultry Wednesday AM - Time to be determined
 - All others will start at 4 pm. Sunday
5. Weights of animals must be within a specified range at weigh in as follows:
 - Market Hogs (barrows or gilts only) 220-290 lbs
 - Market Lambs (wethers or ewes only) 85lbs-no top weight
 - Market Goats (wethers or does only) 60-110 lbs
 - Market Steers 900-1500 lbs
 - Dairy Feeder Steer (steers only) 350-650 lbs
 - Rabbits (pen of three) not more than 70 days old 3 1/2-5 1/2 lbs each
 - Rabbits (single fryer) not more than 70 days old 3 1/2-5 1/2 lbs each
 - Poultry (Pen) (not more than 70 days old) 6.5-8.5 lbs each
 - Poultry (Roaster) (not more than 70 days old) 7-9 lbs each
6. Weight classes will be designated after weigh in due to weight variances and number of entries within each weight division.
7. All animals must be dry for weigh ins.
8. Lambs must be slick shorn to 1/2 inch or less with the exception of the leg wool.
9. If clipping, swine may be clipped to no less than 3/4 inch.

Sale

1. Any and all animals that are not taken to the show ring due to the animal not being controllable will not be sold during the sale.
2. Sale start time will be Thursday of the fair at 6:30 pm. following any special presentations at 6:00 pm.
3. Underweight and overweight animals will NOT be sold during the Livestock Sale.
4. Sale animals for which the fair provides transportation , will be removed from the fairgrounds beginning at 9 pm Saturday night by the fairs designated haulers. Other animals will be released after the tractor pulls or 11 pm at the discretion of the

Sale Manager, unless there are fair designated haulers who need to load out.

5. Exhibitors will be limited to show and sell 6 lots. (2022 this will change to 6 youth lots)

6. Exhibitors must be present during animal load out for verification of animal destination.

Class 46-Market Steers

Premiums \$20 18 16 14 12

Steers, All Weights

Class 47-Market Lambs

Premiums \$12 10 8 7 6

Market Lamb, All weights

Class 48-Market Swine

If clipping, swine may be clipped to no less than 3/4 inch.

Premiums \$12 10 8 7 6

Market Swine, All weights

Class 49-Market Goats

- Market goats can be disbudded or tipped.
- Market goats must be born after January 1st of the current year.

Premiums \$12 10 8 7 6

Market Goat, All weights

Class 50-Market Rabbits

- It is the responsibility of all rabbit exhibitors to contact the Beaver Fair when your litters are born.
- If you choose to purchase meat rabbits, you must contact Matt or Kathy Shea no later than August 1 to inform them of your intent to purchase & exhibit meat rabbits.
- If you choose to purchase meat rabbits instead of breeding them, your rabbits must be purchased and in your possession on the day they are tattooed, no later.
- Animals may need a CVI.

Premiums \$8 7 6 5 4

Meat Pen (3 Rabbits)

Premiums \$6 5 4 3 2

Single Fryer

Class 51-Market Dairy Feeder Steers

- Dairy Feeder Steers must be born between Jan 1 and April 15 of the current year.
- Must be naturally polled/dehorned and castrated by weigh in/tag day

- Must contain 100% dairy blood line from the major breeds: Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Ayrshire, Milking Shorthorn, Brown Swiss, and Lineback.

Premiums \$20 18 16 14 12

Dairy Feeder Steers, All weights

Class 80– Market Poultry

While the PA Department of Agriculture did not have a ban on Poultry Exhibitions at time of publication, please refer to beaverfair.org for any up-dates before registering entries in this class.

Rules

- 1 Entries: A maximum of one entry per class is allowed.
- 2 The exhibitor can tag no more than 8 animals.
- 3 Individual Roaster: 1 Bird not less 7 lbs. not more than 9lbs. No more than 70 days old.
- 4 Meat Pen: 1 pen of 3 birds. Weight limits for meat pen not less 6.5 lbs, not more than 8.5 lbs. No more than 70 days old.
- 5 Poultry Selection: at a time determined by the Beaver Fair at the Fairgrounds, 6:00 pm, from the Beaver Community Fair reserve only. Exhibitors will select birds on a first come, first serve basis.. (Process subject to change due to Covid 19, watch email and Facebook for updates)
- 6 All poultry exhibitors must supply one week's supply of feed for their animals. Care for animals must be provided twice daily.

Health

- Exhibitors must check the current health regulations and inoculation schedules with the Superintendent at least 6 weeks prior to show date.
- All birds must bear an official PDA-issued crimp style or butt end style leg identification band.
- An Owner-Endorsed Poultry Health Certificate or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health chart or CVI), must accompany all poultry. Own-er-Endorsed Poultry Health Certificates can be found on the fair's website.
- All birds must come from Pullorum-typhoid free flock (present flock card or certificate from hatchery) or test negative for Pullorum-typhoid.
- All birds must test negative for Avian Influenza and be tested by a CPT or Category 2 Accredited Veterinarian. Avian Influenza test results must be completed within the 30-day rule.
- All test results must accompany the birds upon arrival at the fair.
- Official Poultry Leg Band Record must be completed at the same time of blood testing and leg banding. The CPT or Category 2 Accredited Veterinarian must complete and sign this record. Forms must accompany birds upon check in at the fair. Forms not completed and signed at check-in will deem the bird's ineligible for competition.
- All poultry animals must arrive on the fairgrounds on Sunday at 12 pm. Only the maximum number of animals eligible to be exhibited may be brought to the fairgrounds.

Premiums \$6	5	4	3	2
Individual Roaster, All weights				
Premiums \$8	7	6	5	4
Meat Pen, All weights				