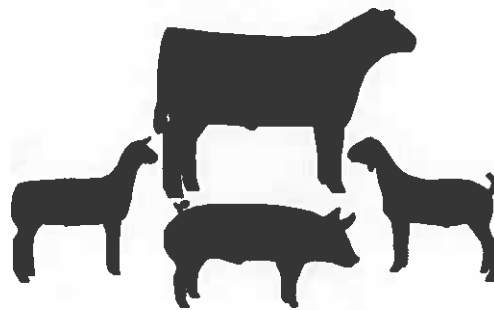




July 15-18 2026

Livestock Catalog



Livestock Entries due May 29, 2026

Entries will be accepted until June 5. Late entries will incur a \$10.00 late fee.

Madison County Fair

General Rules and Regulations

1. All general rules and regulations apply to visitors, patrons, exhibitors, vendors and any other persons on the Fair Grounds at the Madison County Fair. The Fair Board reserves the right to interpret or change these rules and regulations without notice.
2. No animals are allowed on the Fair Grounds other than pre-registered animals in Fair events and shows, or service animals. Livestock entries are not permitted to leave the assigned livestock area during the Fair. Animals entered in the Pet Show must leave the Fair Grounds immediately upon completion of the event. Any unruly animals will not be allowed on the Grounds and their removal will be requested
3. Shirts and shoes are required on the Fair Grounds. This is a family event and visitors should dress appropriately. Violators will be asked to leave the Grounds.
4. All visitors and exhibitors must be off the Grounds by within one-half hour after stated Grounds closing time (see daily schedule). Exhibitors will not be allowed to stay overnight at the Fair.
5. No alcohol, drugs or weapons of any kind are permitted on the Grounds, including parking areas.
6. No coolers are permitted on the Grounds. The only exception will be livestock exhibitors who must keep their coolers in the barn area.
7. No disruptive behavior will be allowed on the Grounds. This includes physical fighting, inappropriate verbal fighting or conduct the Fair Board deems disruptive. Individuals involved in such conduct will be removed from the Grounds.
8. The Madison County Fair Board is not responsible for loss or damage to any personal property of any visitors, patrons, exhibitors, vendors or any other persons on the Fair Grounds, including the parking areas.
9. Only Fair Board members will be allowed to drive and/or designate licensed individuals to operate any vehicles leased by the Fair Board.
10. Fair Board members have the right to enforce these rules and regulations. Any violation of these rules can lead to removal from the Grounds.
11. All comments or suggestions should be put in writing and directed to the Madison County Fair Board, Inc., P.O. Box 1071, Madison, VA 22727 or through utilization of the "Contact Us" tab on the Madison County Fair web site (www.madisoncountyfairva.com).

2026 Livestock Show Schedule

Tuesday, July 15

Animals Arrive

Weigh-In 6 – 8 PM

Hogs and Sheep must be in place by 8:00 PM

Hogs will weigh in at 8:30 PM

Wednesday, July 15

11 AM Sheep Show

6 PM Goat Show

Thursday, July 16

9 AM Hog Show

Animal Costume Contest*

**following hog show - time TBD*

6 PM Beef Show

Friday, July 17

10 AM Dairy Beef Show

11 AM Dairy Show

7 PM Livestock Sale

Saturday, July 18

10 AM Bucket Baby Show

Madison County Fair

Livestock Department Rules

1. All Madison County Fair General Rules and Regulations apply to all exhibitors and their families. It is your responsibility as a youth exhibitor, parent or volunteer to read and understand the Madison County Fair General Rules, Livestock Department Rules, Individual Department Rules and the Livestock Code of Ethics. Department head may issue one warning of rule violations. Continued violation of these rules and regulations can lead to forfeiture of premiums and prizes won, removal from the Fair Grounds and expulsion from future fairs.
2. The Madison County Fair provides exhibitors opportunities for the following age divisions:
Cloverbud (ages 5—8) Junior Youth (ages 9—12) Intermediate Youth (ages 13 – 15) Senior Youth (ages 16 –19)
** All ages as of September 30, 2026
3. All exhibitors must be members actively enrolled and in good standing with a Madison 4-H Club associated with the project which they desire to show or MCHS FFA Chapter meeting the following criteria:
 - a. Exhibitors must meet their club's membership requirements.
 - b. Exhibitors must be officially enrolled in a 4-H livestock project or FFA sponsored supervised agricultural experience.
 - c. In order to be Madison County Fair exhibitor, returning 4-H youth must have submitted a record book after last year's Madison County Fair. FFA students must submit an Ag Experience tracker to their advisor.
 - d. Exhibitors must participate in at least one project educational experience including: a showmanship workshop, livestock ethics workshop, livestock management workshop or district or regional livestock show.
4. ONLY Madison County 4-H Club junior and senior members or MCHS FFA members will be allowed to show and sell market animals. Sale of market animals at the Fair is optional. Refer to Madison County Fair Sale Rules and Regulations for more detailed information.
5. All exhibitors must participate in a showmanship class with each species they have entered in the Madison County Fair Livestock show.
6. All market animals must be tagged and/or recorded by the 4-H Office at the Madison County Fair weigh-in. If you plan to show at another local fair that has a weigh-in the exact same day as a MCF weigh-in, you **MUST** ask the department head of your livestock division if they will allow you to attend a separate weigh-in and accept that weight. If a tag is lost or damaged, the Extension Office must be contacted to replace the tag.
7. All 4-H/FFA projects must be entered on an official project form with the Extension Office. All entry forms must be postmarked or received in the Madison County Extension Office by 5:00 PM, May 29, 2026. Late entries will be accepted until June 5, 2026. Late entries will incur a \$10.00 late fee.
 - 2026 Entry Fees:
 - Market Animals = \$40.00 per head (animals that you plan to sell in the Livestock Auction)
 - Non-sale Market Animals = \$15.00 per head (feeder / market animal that you will not sell in the Livestock Auction)
 - Breeding Animal Class = \$5.00 per head (cow/calf pair is one head)
 - Showmanship Only Exhibitors = \$10.00
8. Refunds: Entries are considered final. Refunds are considered only in cases of health issues that would prevent the animal from attending the show. In those situations, a completed Refund Request Form (available from the Extension Office) must be submitted directly to the Livestock Committee and must be received prior to the conclusion of the show entered. Market animals that do not meet the minimum sale requirements are eligible for a \$10.00 refund.
9. Weigh-In: Exhibitors will weigh-in animals at a time determined by the livestock committee. If an exhibitor misses the species weigh-in, they will forfeit the ability to show and sell the market animal. A missed weigh in due to unforeseen/emergency circumstances will be reviewed and a decision on eligibility will be made by the Livestock Committee and Fair Board.

10. For an animal to be considered bred and owned, the animal must be out of a female owned by the exhibitor at the time female is bred. The female and offspring must be under the direct care, daily care of the exhibitor, whether at your farm or a designated location, from the birth to market/maturity. Bred and owned projects are subject to verification at any time throughout the project year. The purpose of the Bred and Owned project is to teach members how to breed, birth, and raise a project animal. The purchase of a bred animal is not considered a bred and owned project.
11. Registered Animals: Ownership of Registered (Beef Cattles, Sheep & Goats) may be joint with an immediate family member (parent, step-parent or sibling) provided the exhibitor's name is present on the certificate. No farm names, even the family farm, are allowed. For animals with joint ownership, entries may only be in the name of one exhibitor. Copy of registration papers must be present with fair entry form.
12. Breeding and non-sale market animals have the option to leave after the conclusion of their species show. Other animals may only be removed early with prior approval by the Livestock Committee.
13. Exhibitors and their families are expected to participate in Fair set-up and clean-up. Department heads will delegate set-up and clean-up responsibilities as directed by the Madison County Fair Board. All premium monies will be distributed after the fair. Failure to help in some aspect of fair set-up and clean-up will result in all premium monies being withheld. Any monies not claimed by July 31 will be forfeited.
14. Exhibitors must place animals and exhibits at a location designated by show management.
15. Animals should be fed and watered daily. Exhibitor must keep their animals and stall area clean while animals are on the premise. Alleys and walkways must be kept clear and free from manure.
16. Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals. Assistance may be provided by parents and family members, a Madison 4-H club leader, Madison 4-H enrolled volunteer, MCF Livestock Committee member, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent or FFA Instructor, or another Madison 4-H or FFA member.
17. Only 4-H/FFA members exhibiting animals at the Madison County Fair will be allowed to assist in showing any entry.
18. Animal Replacement: If an animal dies, has a severe injury or a chronic illness, the exhibitor may replace that animal and is exempt from that species weigh-in/ownership deadline. The exhibitor must contact the local 4-H agent or FFA advisor to report the situation. The replacement request and animal information will be brought before an independent board of Livestock Committee members who will determine the process for project replacement. Dairy and beef animals may be replaced up to 100 days before the Fair. Hogs, lambs and goats may be replaced up to 30 days before the Fair. Replacement animals will be ineligible for the carcass contest and the average daily gain contest but will be eligible for all other classes and sale.
19. If a 4-H member has a concern with the final recorded weight of his/her animal, they may verbally make a request to have their animal re-weighed. This request must be made before that species weigh-in is complete and they must submit \$10.00 to the 4-H staff member on duty. The animal in question will be re-weighed once all others projects of that same species have been weighed. The members, parent, department head and third party will view the re-weigh. The member must accept the re-weigh as their official weight.
20. All market animals must be properly castrated with no secondary male characteristics to be eligible for show and sale.
21. No horned animals will be allowed unless horns are a commonly desired breed or species characteristic. See individual department rules. Contact the department head for questions regarding horns.
22. All animals (except swine) must be halter broken. The youth exhibitor is responsible for getting their animal to the scales for final weigh-in. The Madison County Fair reserves the right to refuse any entry offered and to require the removal from the Fair Grounds of any exhibit or animal they feel is unruly, considered a safety hazard, or deemed unfit or objectionable. Exhibitors should read and understand the rules listed under their departments. An animal that is deemed unruly or considered a safety hazard will not be allowed to show or sell.
23. Nose leads, tranquilizers, sedatives and depressants are prohibited.

24. **Health Requirements:** The Livestock Committee will check animals for general health, proper castration, ringworm, lice, mange, warts, and other parasites. Any unhealthy animal(s) will be dismissed from the Fair Grounds. All sheep and goats must be properly tagged and/or identified according to the USDA Scrapie Eradication Program.
25. Each livestock exhibitor will receive a pass for him/herself and two additional passes for their parents/guardians, excluding those whose parents are Fair Board or Young Farmer members. Parents/guardians of multiple exhibitors will not receive duplicate passes. Exhibitors will receive one vehicle pass per family. This pass allows access to the grounds for loading and unloading of animals and supplies. Exhibitors should remove vehicles from the grounds prior to the fair opening each day.
26. The exhibitor assumes all risk of damage or loss either to person or property for any cause whatsoever. It is understood and agreed between the exhibitor and the Madison County Fair, Inc., that the said show incurs no liability or obligation to the exhibitor other than to permit the exhibitor to use the grounds or buildings for exhibits.
27. All rules are subject to the livestock committee review to protect the health and safety of the exhibitors and animals.
28. If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in the Madison County Fair Livestock Shows, please contact the Madison Extension Office at 948-6881 during business hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM to discuss accommodations at least 5 days prior to the event.

Animal Care

Guidelines

1. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of their project animals during the week of the Fair. Market animals will not be removed until Sunday morning. Each exhibitor is expected to care for, feed and water their project animals and keep their stall/pen area clean until the Fair closes on Saturday night.
2. The Fair Board will provide shavings for each stall. All other types of bedding are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Pigs should NOT be bedded with straw.
3. Pens/stalls should be cleaned each morning and spot cleaned throughout the day.
4. Wheelbarrow should be kept empty. DO NOT throw trash into wheelbarrows or the animal waste disposal container.
5. Exhibitors need to keep the aisle ways, show ring area and tack areas clean and neat.
6. Animals should have clean water at all times or access to clean, fresh water at least 4 times per day. DO NOT share watering containers!!
7. Exhibitors must provide their own feed and hay. Animals should be fed on a similar schedule as if they were at home.

Livestock Show Premiums

Showmanship Classes

1st - \$12 2nd - \$10 3rd - \$8 4th - \$6 5th - \$4 6th - \$2

- If heats are not individually placed then all exhibitors in that heat get a \$10 premium

Overall Champion Showman: Banner & Buckle

Champion Showman: Banner & Buckle

Reserve Champion Showman Banner & Award

Market Animal Classes

1st - \$12 2nd - \$10 3rd - \$8 4th - \$6 5th - \$4 6th - \$2

Champion Market Animal: Banner & Buckle

Reserve Champion Market Animal: Banner & Award

Lightweight, Middleweight & Heavyweight Champion - Banner

Bred & Owned Classes: Awards based on Sponsorship

Breeding Animal Classes:

1st - \$20 2nd - \$18 3rd - \$16 4th - \$14 5th - \$12 6th - \$10

- If breeding animal is also in a market class, then the following premiums apply
- 1st - \$12 2nd - \$10 3rd - \$8 4th - \$6 5th - \$4 6th - \$2

Supreme Champion Breeding Animal: Banner & Buckle

Champion Breeding Animal (Registered or Commercial): Banner

Reserve Champion Breeding Animal (Registered or Commercial): Banner

Bred & Owned Classes: Awards based on Sponsorship

Bred & Owned Classes:

Bred & Owned Market Classes: Same premiums as market classes

1st - \$20 2nd - \$18 3rd - \$16 4th - \$14 5th - \$12 6th - \$10

Bred & Owned Breeding Classes – same premiums as breeding classes

1st - \$20 2nd - \$18 3rd - \$16 4th - \$14 5th - \$12 6th - \$10

Bred & Owned Champion: Awards based on Sponsorship

Pen & Stall Decorations

Exhibitors are encouraged to decorate their Pens/Stalls using the Fair theme.

Guidelines

1. The display/decoration should fit in the stall/pen area to which you have been assigned.
2. The Fair will provide a strand of wire above your stall/pen. The exhibitor must provide any additional material or supplies.
3. **MAKE SURE** that all display materials (paper, ribbon, cords, etc.) are fastened securely so that project animals cannot dismantle or chew on it. Take all precautions to ensure animal safety.
4. Displays/decorations should include the exhibitor's name, age, etc.
5. Exhibitors with market projects should include the animal's final weight on their poster.
6. Electric lights **MAY NOT BE USED** on any pen/stall display. If you wish to use any lights, they **MUST BE BATTERY POWERED**.
7. Displays should be kept up for the duration of the fair. Displays may be removed after the completion of the Cloverbud show. Please be respectful of the public. Barn aisle **MUST** remain clear. No displays or ladders in the aisle ways.

Madison County Fair

Livestock Code of Ethics

This applies to all exhibitors, parents/guardians, leaders and volunteers.

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times represent themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show.

All leaders, parents/guardians and volunteers working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example.

Exhibitors, leaders, parents/guardians and volunteers who violate the Code of Ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds. They may be placed on probationary status or deemed ineligible for future competition and/or participation at this Fair.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors, parents/guardians, leaders, volunteers and all livestock in competitive events:

1. Any exhibitor showing misconduct or poor showmanship in the show ring, the show area or barns will have full forfeiture of premiums by decision of the Livestock Committee.
2. Intentional misrepresentation of an animal in any way including age of the animal, ownership, prior show activity, altering of pedigree, or other misinformation provided by the exhibitor is prohibited. All exhibitors must present, upon request of the Fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered.
3. No exhibitor may show an animal that has been previously sold at an auction or sale as a market animal through another fair or livestock show, whether or not there is an actual change of ownership.
4. Animals must be transported to and from the Fair in accordance with all the accepted transport regulations and standards.
5. Market animals can only be exhibited if they will enter the food chain free of drugs or foreign substances. The act of entering an animal in this Fair is giving the consent by the owner to have specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other samples from the animal or carcass taken to be used for testing. All animals entered into competitions shall be subject to testing for foreign substances that exceed acceptable levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA or EPA. Animals not entered in an event which cumulates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. At any time after an animal arrives on the Fair Grounds or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
6. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation or appearance is prohibited. The only exceptions are: external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal. Accepted methods of clipping or combing an animal's hair are permitted.
7. The use of abusive handling and/or showing practices is prohibited.

8. It is the responsibility of each livestock exhibitors to feed, water, maintain the stall of their animals and otherwise care for their project animal throughout the duration of the Fair.
9. Exhibitors are expected to be the primary care provider for their animals. Assistance may be provided by parents and family members, a Madison 4-H club leader, a Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent or FFA Instructor or another Madison 4-H or FFA member.
10. The judge's decisions are final and are not subject to review. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during or after a competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
11. No exhibitor, parent/guardian, leader or volunteer shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
12. The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics.
13. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the exhibitor, parent/guardian, leader or volunteer to have disciplinary action taken by the Fair Board and Livestock Committee for violation of this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show.
14. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the exhibitor, parent/guardian leader or volunteer that he or she has read this Code of Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the Code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

This Code of Ethics is an agreement, formal or implied, between the participants and the management of this Fair. Its purpose is to ensure the overall well-being of animals exhibited and the use of commonly accepted practices in showing animals and to maintain the intent and integrity of animal competitions and displays for future generations.

An overview committee consisting of at least three people generally recognized as knowledgeable of livestock management and exhibition are responsible for the administration of this Code of Ethics. Their decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Beef Department

Department Head: *Melissa Gough*

Adult Volunteer Committee Members: *Ashby Carpenter*

Youth Committee Members: *Lainey Carpenter, Ava Liptrap*

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All General Rules and Regulations for the Madison County Fair and Livestock Department rules apply to this department.
2. All exhibitors must be members actively enrolled and in good standing with a Madison 4-H Club associated with the project which they desire to show or MCHS FFA Chapter.
3. All Beef heifers must be owned or under the care of the exhibitor or have a signed lease agreement by May 1, 2026. Commercial heifers must submit a photo of both sides of the animal with the exhibitor by May 1. Registered heifers will submit a copy of the animal's registration paper at the time of fair entry and original papers will be checked upon arrival to the fair.
4. The cow in a cow/calf pair had to be owned by exhibitor at the time the cow was bred.
5. All steers must be owned and in the possession and care of the exhibitor by the January weigh-in date. Market steers must be born on or after Jan 1, 2025. Exhibitors may obtain their official tag and start weight at the Madison County Fair or CMR Farm Fair weigh-in. There is no limit on the number of beef steers an exhibitor may bring to the January weigh-in. Each Exhibitor may show 2 steers and sell 1 steer. Prospect steers must be owned by the date of fair entry and weigh between 500-999 lbs. Prospect steers are not eligible for the livestock auction.
6. Exhibitors may show no more than two entries per class, one cow/calf pair and no more than five beef animals total unless Beef Department Committee feels there is sufficient room. A cow/calf pair counts as one head.
7. Each animal exhibited must be listed on the official entry form. Beef Department head and committee members will verify entries.
8. All livestock must be shown clean and dry. Fitting is optional but must be the work of the exhibitor (reference livestock department rule # 16). Due to space limitations, all grooming chutes must be kept outside of the barn. The use of paints, paint products and colored adhesives is permitted. The addition of twine, hair, or any substance (such as to "build" legs) is prohibited. The Madison County Fair Board and/or Livestock Department heads reserve the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner.
9. Both neck ropes and halters are required for all beef animals while tied in stalls.
10. Market steers will be shown by weight not breed.
11. Beef market animals must weigh at least 1,000 lbs. at final weigh-in and must achieve a live grade of Select to sell. VDACS graders will grade animals prior to the show. All market steers weighing below the established weight requirement, at final weigh-in, will not be eligible for the average daily gain contest.
12. Breeding cattle divisions will be Registered and Commercial
13. The department committee may, at their discretion, split, combine; eliminate any class or classes based on the number of entries received. The decision of the department committee is final.
14. Entry fee is \$40.00 per head for sale animals and \$15.00 per head for non-sale market animals. Breeding classes are \$5.00 per head.
15. Premiums are subject to available funding.

All entries are due to the Madison Extension Office by 4:30 PM, May 29, 2026

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES (Required of all exhibitors)

Exhibitors will be assigned to the following classes based on age and experience level.

- ♦ Senior Showmanship (Ages 16– 19)
- ♦ Intermediate Showmanship (13-15)
- ♦ Junior Showmanship (Ages 9 – 12)
- ♦ Novice Showmanship (Never shown before)

BEEF CLASSES

Market Class

BB 1 Market Beef (Lightweight, Middleweight, Heavyweight)

Class Champion ** Class Reserve Champion

Grand Champion Market Steer ** Reserve Champion Market Steer

Bred & Owned Market Class

BB 2 Bred and Owned Market Beef

(*Please refer to definition of bred & owned in general rules)

Champion ** Reserve Champion

Prospect Steer Class

BB 3 Prospect Steers (500 – 999 lbs.) – Not eligible for auction.

Beef Breeding Classes

Commercial Heifer

BB 4 Shown by Weight

Champion ** Reserve Champion

Registered Heifers

BB 11 Junior Heifer Calves (Born 1/1/2026 and after)

BB 12 Senior Heifer Calf (Born 9/1/2025—12/31/2025)

BB 13 Summer Yearling Heifer (Born 5/1/2025—8/31/2025)

BB 14 Late Junior Yearling (Born 3/1/2025—4/30/2025)

BB 15 Early Junior Yearling (Born 1/1/2025—2/29/2025)

BB 16 Senior Yearling (Born 8/1/2024—12/31/2024)

BB 17 Cow/Calf Pair (calf up to 8 months)

Champion ** Reserve Champion

Bred & Owned Heifers

BB 18 Bred and Owned Heifer (youth may show no more than 2 heifers in this class)

(*Please refer to definition of bred & owned in general rules)

Champion ** Reserve Champion

Supreme Champion Heifer ** Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer

Dairy Department

Department Head: Susan Apel
Adult Volunteer Committee Members:
Youth Committee Member: Clara Apel

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All General Rules and Regulations for the Madison County Fair and Livestock Department rules apply to this department.
2. All exhibitors must be members actively enrolled and in good standing with a Madison 4-H Club associated with the project which they desire to show or MCHS FFA Chapter.
3. All dairy heifers and dairy cows must be owned or under the care of the exhibitor or have a signed lease agreement by the Madison County Fair entry deadline. Commercial heifers must submit a photo of both sides of the animal with the exhibitor by May 1. Registered heifers will submit a copy of the animal's registration paper at the time of fair entry and original papers will be checked upon arrival to the fair.
4. Exhibitors may show no more than two entries per class and no more than five dairy animals total.
5. Each animal exhibited must be listed on the official entry form.
6. All livestock must be shown clean and dry. Dairy heifers/cows may be fitted in accordance with PDCA standards. Fitting is optional but must be the work of the exhibitor (reference livestock department rule # 16). Due to space limitations, all grooming chutes must be kept outside of the barn. The use of paints, paint products and colored adhesives is permitted. The Madison County Fair Board and/or Livestock Department heads reserve the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner.
7. Both neck ropes and halters are required for all dairy animals while tied in stalls.
8. The department committee may, at their discretion, split, combine, eliminate any class or classes based on the number of entries received. The decision of the department committee is final.
9. Dairy animals must be a pure dairy breed or dairy breed cross, but need not be registered.
10. Dairy animals will be shown by the age categories listed below.
11. Appropriate show attire is expected.
12. Dairy heifer/cow entry fees are \$5.00 per head for in-county animals.
13. For those youth participating in showmanship only: Entry fee is \$10.00 per youth.
14. Premiums are subject to available funding.

All entries are due to the Madison Extension Office by 4:30 PM May 29, 2026.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES (Required of all exhibitors)

Exhibitors will be assigned to the following classes based on age and experience level:

- ♦ Senior Showmanship (Ages 14 – 19)
- ♦ Junior Showmanship (Ages 9 – 13)
- ♦ Novice Showmanship (Never shown before)

Dairy Classes

HEIFER CLASSES

- D 1 Spring Heifer Calf (Born 3/1/2026—5/31/2026)
- D 2 Winter Heifer Calf (Born 12/1/2025—2/29/2026)
- D 3 Fall Heifer Calf (Born 9/1/2025—11/30/2025)
- D 4 Summer Yearling (Born 6/1/2025—8/31/2025)
- D 5 Spring Yearling (Born 3/1/2025—5/31/2025)
- D 6 Winter Yearling (Born 12/1/2024—2/28/2025)
- D 7 Fall Yearling (Born 9/1/2024—11/30/2024)

COW CLASSES

- D 8 Two Year Old (Born 9/1/2023 -8/31/2024)
- D 9 Three Year Old (Born 9/1/2022—8/31/2023)
- D 10 Four Year Old (Born 9/1/2021—8/31/2022)
- D 11 Five Year Old (Born 9/1/2020—8/31/2021)
- D 12 Aged Cow (Born before 9/1/2020)
- D 13 Dry Cow (Any Age)

Junior Champion
Senior Champion
Supreme Champion

Reserve Junior Champion
Reserve Senior Champion
Reserve Supreme Champion

Dairy Beef Department

Department Head: Susan Apel
Adult Volunteer Committee Members:
Youth Committee Members: Clara Apel

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All General Rules and Regulations for the Madison County Fair and Livestock Department rules apply to this department.
2. All exhibitors must be members actively enrolled and in good standing with a Madison 4-H Club associated with the project which they desire to show or MCHS FFA Chapter.
3. All dairy beef steers must be owned or under the care of the exhibitor at the time of the January weigh-in. There is no limit on the number of dairy beef steers an exhibitor may bring to the January weigh-in.
4. Each Exhibitor may show 2 steers and sell 1 steer.
5. Each animal exhibited must be listed on the official entry form.
6. All livestock must be shown clean and dry. All Dairy Beef animals MUST be clipped, washed and brushed/combed. Fitting is optional but must be the work of the exhibitor (reference livestock department rule # 16). Due to space limitations, all grooming chutes must be kept outside of the barn. The use of paints, paint products and colored adhesives is permitted. The Madison County Fair Board and/or Livestock Department heads reserve the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner.
7. Both neck ropes and halters are required for all dairy beef animals while tied in stalls.
8. Dairy beef animals must weigh at least 1,050 lbs and must achieve a live grade of Select to sell. VDACS graders will grade animals prior to the show. All dairy beef steers weighing below the established weight requirement, at final weigh-in, will not be eligible for the average daily gain contest.
9. The department committee may, at their discretion, split, combine, eliminate any class or classes based on the number of entries received. The decision of the department committee is final.
10. Dairy Beef steers will be shown by weight.
11. Dairy beef steer entry fee is \$40.00 per head for sale animals and \$15.00 per head for non-sale market animals
12. Premiums are subject to available funding.

All entries are due to the Madison Extension Office by 4:30 PM May 29, 2026.

Dairy Beef Classes

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES (Required of all exhibitors)

Exhibitors will be assigned to the following classes based on age and experience level:

- ♦ Senior Showmanship (Ages 14 – 19)
- ♦ Senior Novice Showmanship (Never shown before)
- ♦ Junior Showmanship (Ages 9 – 13)
- ♦ Junior Novice Showmanship (Never shown before)

MARKET CLASSES

- DB 1 Market Dairy Beef
DB 2 Feeder Steer

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

Goat Department

Department Head: Jeff Shifflett
Adult Volunteer Committee Members:
Youth Committee Members: Emma Shifflett

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All General Rules and Regulations for the Madison County Fair and Livestock Department rules apply to this department.
2. All exhibitors must be members actively enrolled and in good standing with a Madison 4-H Club associated with the project which they desire to show or MCHS FFA Chapter.
3. All goats are required to have an official scrapie USDA-approved ear tag, tattoo or microchip.
4. All goats, market and breeding, must be owned or under the care of the exhibitor by the May nomination and continuously thereafter. Market goats and commercial does will be weighed at nomination. Registered does will submit a copy of the doe's registration paper at the time of entry and original registration papers will be checked upon arrival at the fair. Bred & Owned breeding does are exempt from May nomination date. See general rule 11 which defines bred & owned animals.
5. There is no limit on the number of market goats an exhibitor can nominate in May. Each exhibitor may only sell a maximum of 2 kids.
6. Goats may be entered in a market class or a breeding class but not both.
7. Market goats must be under one year of age at the July show and must have their milk teeth and no permanent eruption of teeth. Market Goats may be wethers or does. Wethers must show no evidence of testicular tissue and be completely healed from castration.
8. Market and breeding goats may be shown with or without horns. If the goat has not been dehorned, it is recommended that their horns be "tipped" (trimmed of sharp points) for the showman's safety.
9. No Bucks will be shown.
10. Each animal exhibited must be listed on the official entry form. Each exhibitor may show no more than six goats in total.
11. To be shown and sold as a market goat, animals should weigh 45 - 125 lbs. Goats weighing less than 45 lbs. will show in the feeder kid class. Exhibitors are encouraged to present their market kids in the 60-90 lb. weight range. It is recommended that market goats weigh 40 lbs. or greater in at the May weigh-in order to reach market weight in 60 days. All market goats weighing above or below the established weight requirements, at final weigh-in, will not be eligible for the average daily gain contest.
12. All market kids will be weighed and divided into classes by weight. Commercial does will be shown by weight. Registered does will be shown by age. Bred and Owned does are shown by age.
13. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines.
14. Application of ice or ice water in the form of sprays, packs, blankets, or towels is permitted. Ice baths are prohibited.
15. All livestock must be shown clean and dry. Fitting is optional but must be the work of the exhibitor (reference livestock department rule # 16). The use of adhesives and coloring agents for purpose of fitting hair is allowed, however the addition of twine, hair, or any substance (such as to "build" legs) is prohibited. The Madison County Fair Board and/or Livestock Department heads reserve the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner.
16. Breeding Doe Classes: There must be a minimum of 3 does from at least 3 exhibitors to hold the breeding doe division.
17. The department committee may, at their discretion, split, combine; eliminate any class or classes based on the number of entries received. The decision of the department committee is final.
18. Entry fee is, \$40.00 per head for sale animals, \$15.00 per head for non-sale market animals and \$5.00 per head for breeding animals.
19. Showmanship: Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship. For those youth participating in showmanship only: Entry fee is \$10.00 per youth.
20. Premiums are subject to available funding.

All entries are due to the Madison Extension Office by 4:30 PM, May 29, 2026.

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES (Required of all exhibitors)

Exhibitors will be assigned to the following classes based on age and experience level.

- Senior Showmanship (Ages 16 – 19)
- Intermediate Showmanship (13-15)
- Junior Showmanship (Ages 9 – 12)
- Novice Showmanship (Never shown before)

MARKET CLASSES

G1 Market Goat (wether or doe kids)

G2 Bred & Owned Market Goat (wether or doe kids. Youth may show no more than 2 kids in this class)

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

BREEDING CLASSES

Commercial Does

G3 Commercial Does (Classes will be broken by weight)

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

Registered Does

G6 Doe Kids (less than 1 yr old)

G7 Yearling Does (1 – 2 years old)

G8 Senior Does (2 or more years old)

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

Bred & Owned Does (Youth may show no more than 2 kids in any class)

G9 Doe Kids (less than 1 yr old)

G10 Yearling Does (1 – 2 years old)

G11 Senior Does (2 or more years old)

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

*Supreme Champion Doe *** Reserve Supreme Champion Doe*

Lamb Department

Department Head: Becky Jenkins

Adult Volunteer Committee Members: Matt James, Ben DeBoer, Jessi DeBoer, Stephanie Aylor, Heather Daniel, Courtney Owens

Youth Committee Members: Rachel DeBoer, Kenlee Aylor, Khloe Aylor, Sophia Owens, Milani Owens

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All General Rules and Regulations for the Madison County Fair and Livestock Department rules apply to this department.
2. All exhibitors must be members actively enrolled and in good standing with a Madison 4-H Club associated with the project which they desire to show or MCHS FFA Chapter.
3. All lambs are required to have an official scrapie USDA-approved ear tag.
4. All lambs, both market and breeding (commercial & registered), must be owned or under the care of the exhibitor at the time of May nomination. Wether or ewe lambs may be shown in the market division. Market lambs and commercial ewes will be weighed at the May nomination. See general rule 10 which defines bred & owned animals.
5. Registered breeding animals must have a registration date on or prior to the time of the May nomination. See general rule 11 for rules on registration of breeding ewes.
6. Each exhibitor may bring up to 4 lambs. They may show 3 market lambs of either sex, but only 2 ewe lambs are eligible for any breeding ewe class. Each exhibitor may sell a maximum of 2 lambs.
7. Each animal exhibited must be listed on the official entry form.
8. All lambs must be recently shorn prior to final weigh-in and must be clean and well groomed. All lambs should be exhibited slick shorn to the skin above the knee and hock joints, this includes belly and flank wool, unless otherwise dictated by the applicable breed standards for the registered breeding ewe classes. Any registered ewe also showing in a market class must be slick shorn to the skin above the knee and hock joints, this includes belly and flank wool.
9. All livestock must be shown clean and dry. Fitting is optional but must be the work of the exhibitor (reference livestock department rule # 16). Fitting leg wool is permitted. The use of coloring agents is prohibited. The use of adhesives and glues for the purpose of fitting hair and/or wool is prohibited. Addition of twine, wool, hair, or any substance (such as to "build" legs) is prohibited. The Madison County Fair Board and/or Livestock Department heads reserve the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner.
10. Cooling rags are allowed. Use of irritants including alcohol or other irritants is prohibited.
11. The use of muzzles are prohibited. If you are having problems with your sheep eating the bedding material please consult with the department head for recommendations.
12. If an animal prolapses at the Fair, under the direction of the department head or extension staff, a veterinarian may be consulted to determine the next steps for the animal.
13. Market animals must weigh at least 90 lbs and no more than 150 lbs and achieve a quality grade of choice to sell. VDACS graders will grade animals prior to the show. Sheep weighing less than 90 lbs. will show in the feeder lamb class. All lambs must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. to show. All market lambs weighing above or below the established weight requirements, at final weigh-in, will not be eligible for the average daily gain contest.
14. Registered Ewe Classes: There must be a minimum of 3 ewes from at least 3 exhibitors to hold the registered ewe division. Ewes will not be separated by breed unless there is 10 or more of any breed.
15. The department committee may, at their discretion, split, combine, eliminate any class or classes based on the number of entries received. The decision of the department committee is final.
16. Entry fee is \$40.00 per head for sale animals and \$15.00 per head for non-sale market animals.
17. Premiums are subject to available funding.

All entries are due to the Madison Extension Office by 4:30 PM, May 29, 2026.

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES (Required of all exhibitors)

Exhibitors will be assigned to the following classes based on age and experience level.

Senior Showmanship (Ages 16 – 19)

Intermediate Showmanship (13-15)

Junior Showmanship (Ages 9 – 12)

Novice Showmanship (Never shown before)

LAMB CLASSES

LAMB CLASSES

L 1 Market Lamb

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

L 2 Bred and Owned Market Lamb

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

BREEDING CLASSES

Commercial Ewes - Classes will be broken by weight

L3 Commercial Ewe Lamb

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

NEW - Registered Ewes - Classes will be broken by age

L4 Registered Ewe Lamb (under 6 mos)

L5 Registered Ewe Lamb (over 6 mos)

L6 Yearling Ewe (1 – 2 years old)

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

Bred & Owned Ewes - Classes will be broken by weigh)

(Youth may show no more than 2 ewes in any class)

L8 Bred & Owned

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

*Supreme Champion Ewe*** Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe*

Swine Department

Department Head: Chrissy Cooke
Adult Volunteer Committee Members:
Youth Committee Members:

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All General Rules and Regulations for the Madison County Fair and Livestock Department rules apply to this department.
2. All exhibitors must be members actively enrolled and in good standing with a Madison 4-H Club associated with the project which they desire to show or MCHS FFA Chapter.
3. All market hogs must be owned or under the care of the exhibitor by March nomination and tagged with an official tag. Each exhibitor may nominate 4 hogs at the March weigh-in, bring/show 3 hogs at the Fair and sell a maximum of 2 hogs. Market hogs and breeding gilt projects must attend the March weigh in.
4. Each animal exhibited must be listed on the official entry form.
5. Hogs need to arrive clean or be washed before the fair opens to the public. Ear tags must be clean so they may be easily read when hogs enter the scale.
6. Swine exhibitors and their families are responsible for handling their project animals during the fair. This includes moving animals to/from the scale for final weigh-in, to/from wash pens, being ready and on time to the show ring and sale ring. If assistance is needed, please make arrangements prior to the fair.
7. Plain water may be applied topically. Non-oil based show conditioners and shine products are permitted.
8. All livestock must be shown clean and dry. Fitting is optional but must be the work of the exhibitor (reference livestock department rule # 16). The use of coloring agents is prohibited. The use of adhesives and glues for the purpose of fitting hair is prohibited. The Madison County Fair Board and/or Livestock Department heads reserve the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner.
9. Hair Clipping: For show eligibility, hair length on the pig body (hams, top, sides and shoulder) must be at least ½ inch long. Pigs with body hair less than ½ inch are not eligible for the show. Body shaving on market hogs is prohibited.
10. Market hogs must weigh at least 225 lbs. and no more than 300 lbs. and grade #1 or #2 to sell. VDACS graders will grade animals prior to the show. Those weighing above or below the limits cannot be shown in the market classes, are not eligible for Grand Champion, and cannot be sold at the 4-H sale. These entries will be shown in either a lightweight or heavyweight class. All market hogs weighing above or below the established weight requirements, at final weigh-in, will not be eligible for the average daily gain contest.
11. Breeding Gilts: Youth may select one female market hog to show in the breeding gilt class or exhibit one non-market gilt (one that will only be shown in breeding gilt class and not in market class) Breeding gilt projects must be owned or under the care of the exhibitor by March nomination and tagged with an official tag.
12. The department committee may, at their discretion, split, combine, eliminate any class or classes based on the number of entries received. The decision of the department committee is final.
13. Entry fee is \$40.00 per head for sale animals and \$15.00 per head for non-sale market animals.
14. Premiums are subject to available funding.

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SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES (Required of all exhibitors)

Exhibitors will be assigned to the following classes based on age and experience level:

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- Intermediate Showmanship (13-15)
- Junior Showmanship (Ages 9 – 12)
- Novice Showmanship (Never shown before)

SWINE CLASSES

CLASSES

SW 1 Market Hog (will be divided in Light weight Division, Medium weight Division and Heavy weight Division)

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

SW 2 Bred and Owned Market Hog

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

SW 3 Breeding Gilt (Youth may enter one animal in this class)

*Champion ** Reserve Champion*

Madison County Fair Livestock Sale

2026 SALE ORDER: Beef, Sheep, Goats, Hogs, Dairy Beef

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All General Rules and Regulations of the Madison County Fair apply.
2. In order to sell a market animal at the Madison County Fair Livestock Sale, all exhibitors must be members actively enrolled and in good standing with a Madison 4-H Club associated with the project which they desire to show or MCHS FFA Chapter.
3. Each exhibitor should contact potential buyers and invite them to the sale. It is not the responsibility of the Madison County Fair Board to find buyers for the exhibitors' market animals.
4. Each exhibitor is allowed to sell a maximum of three (3) total animals at either MCF or CMR but not 3 at each local 4-H/FFA Sale. No more than one large animal (market beef) and no more than two small animals per species (market hogs, lambs or goats). Any combination within these maximums is allowed. (Example: 1 beef & 2 lambs or 1 lamb & 2 hogs) Should you have any questions concerning these guidelines, please contact the committee chairperson at the Madison Extension Office, 948-6881.
5. All market animals become the property of the buyer at the time of sale. **Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their market animals from arrival through when the animals depart the fairgrounds.**
6. The minimum weight for a beef steer will be 1,000 lbs. Dairy Beef steers must weigh 1,050 lbs. All steers must grade Select or higher.
7. Market hogs must weigh between 225 lbs. and 300 lbs. and grade #1 or #2.
8. Market lambs must weigh between 90 lbs. and 150 lbs. and grade choice.
9. Market goats must weigh between 45 lbs. and 125lbs.
10. All Madison 4-H/FFA members wanting to sell their market animals at the Madison County Fair must list each animal on the official 2026 Madison County Fair Animal Entry Form, found at the back of this catalog. The form must be returned with the entry fee to the Madison Extension Office by 4:30 PM, May 29, 2026. Entries may be mailed to P.O. Box 10, Madison, VA 22727 or delivered in person to the office located in the War Memorial Building.
11. If an exhibitor who has registered to sell at the sale decides at the last minute not to sell, he or she will forfeit all fees and premiums. If an exhibitor cannot sell because the animal does not make weight or grade, \$10.00 will be refunded.
12. The Madison County Fair Board requires that all 4-H/FFA members thank their buyers at the time of sale and follow up with a note of thanks and/or visit.
13. By entering an animal in the Madison County Fair Livestock Sale, the exhibitor and his or her parents certify that the animal is safe for slaughter and that all withdrawal times have been followed. No animals containing drugs or other toxic chemicals will be allowed to show or sell at the Fair.

The Madison County Fair Sale Committee and the Madison Extension Agents (or representatives) will handle resolution of disputes. All questions/discrepancies concerning the sale should be directed immediately to the attention of the committee.

Other Youth Events at the Fair

Animal Costume Contest

This is an opportunity for the youth to "dress up" their animal and themselves in a "theme" and have fun in the ring. This class is open to sheep, goats and cattle. Youth showing swine as their only project may arrange to use another exhibitor's animal if they wish to participate in the costume contest. Animals must be docile and able to be handled with clothing, etc. on them. If necessary, class will be divided in age groups.

