

## “County Bred” Livestock Classes

Objective: The objective of the “County Bred” classes at the IZARD County Fair is to provide exhibitors an opportunity to show animals that are bred and raised in IZARD County, Arkansas. It is our mission to promote agriculture by showcasing livestock produced by farmers and ranchers in IZARD County.

### **Eligibility:**

1. Animals—“County Bred” classes are limited to animals that originated on a farm/ranch within the geographical confines of IZARD County, Arkansas. Animals from farms that extend from IZARD County into surrounding counties are eligible if the breeder provides an “Assurance of Origin.” All animals exhibited in these classes must have an “Assurance of Origin” on file by July 15, 2023, and meet the health and age requirements set forth by the IZARD County Fair Board.

2. Exhibitors—All animals must be owned by a junior exhibitor. Junior exhibitors must be IZARD County residents or students who attend school in IZARD County who are members of an FFA chapter or 4-H club. Assurance of Origin: All animals must have an “Assurance of Origin,” which includes a statement of ownership, on file with the IZARD County Fair Board by July 15, 2023, in accordance with animal ownership deadlines set forth by the Arkansas State Fair. This “Assurance of Origin” establishes that the animal originated in IZARD County and meets the requirements for the “County Bred” classes. This document must be signed by an FFA Advisor, a 4-H leader, or the County Extension Agent.

### **Classes:**

- 1) County Bred Heifer (registered or commercial)
- 2) County Bred Bull (registered only)
- 3) County Bred Steer
- 4) County Bred Sheep (registered or market, any sex)
- 5) County Bred Goat (registered or market, any sex)
- 6) County Bred Hog (registered or market, any sex)

In addition, “County Bred” market animals may also compete in the “Weight Gain” division if they are weighed at the IZARD County Fairgrounds on June 2, 2023, in Melbourne, AR. Animal weights will be recorded at this time and all animals will be re-weighed at the IZARD County Fair. The market animals (steers, market lambs, market hogs) with the greatest weight gain will be the winner. Awards will be given to the exhibitor and breeder of each class winner.