

# Livestock Departments – Rules and Regulations

1. **Interpretations and Violations of Rules:** The IZARD County Fair board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the IZARD County Fair exhibition, and the right to amend or add to any of these rules as determined by the ICF board of directors.

2. **Entry Fees and Deadlines:** All livestock entries including horses, poultry and rabbits must be entered online by Saturday, July 27, 2024.

All livestock entries including horses, poultry, and rabbits must be made online at [www.izardcofair.org](http://www.izardcofair.org). It is very important that **ALL** information requested is entered. The ICF must have breed information for the breed classes. If an exhibitor does not have access to a computer, please contact your Vo-Ag instructor or your County Extension Agent.

- All entries will be in the computer before the fair opens, which will make it possible for the ICF officials to have the premium checks out earlier. It is important that changes not be made to the entry after the deadline.

3. IZARD County Fair exhibitors are restricted as follows:

- Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, and Swine breeding divisions exhibition is open to junior exhibitors.
- Poultry and Rabbits exhibition is open to junior.
- Junior exhibitors are defined as those 19 years of age or younger, single and never have been married.
- Exhibitors may not exhibit after graduating from high school or earning a GED except for the fall following graduation.
  - Junior exhibitors must reside in IZARD County, attend school in IZARD County, or be a member in good standing of a 4-H club or FFA chapter in IZARD County.
  - Junior exhibitors must be a member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter in IZARD County and be under the supervision of 4-H or FFA advisor.
  - Exhibitors who are not old enough to be in 4-H or FFA may show under the supervision of their parents/guardian.
  - The IZARD County Fair Board reserves the right to withhold premium money if exhibitors do not abide by the rules.

4. **Showing:** All exhibitors must show their own animals unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in a class. If the exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, another junior member may show their animal(s).

A. **Decision of Judges:** Reputable judges are selected by the IZARD County Livestock Committee. The decisions of the judges are final in all cases.

B. **Interference with Judges:** An exhibitor or family member shall not in any way, whether in person or by affiliation, interfere with the judge during judging at the IZARD County Fair. Such actions shall call for the IZARD County fair show management to exclude said exhibitor from competition, as well as withholding of premiums that may have been awarded.

5. **Breeding Beef Ownership:** Exhibitors must own their own animals and must have acquired title and taken possession of the animal by July 1, 2024. All breeding animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name (not the farm name). No pending registration will be accepted.

6. **Control of Animals:** All junior exhibitors must have complete control of their animals in the show ring always. If, in the opinion of the Show official; an animal is unruly to the point of endangering other exhibitors or animals, that animal will be excused from the ring and disqualified. All breeding cattle and steers for exhibition must be

shown with halters and be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled by one attendant on foot. **All Bulls, 6 months old or older on date of show, must be shown with a nose ring or nose clip and lead attached and in use.**

7. **Livestock Check-In:** All breeding animals in the beef, swine, and sheep departments must have the animal's original registration papers (or faxed copies from breed associations) in possession when animals enter the fairgrounds. All exhibitors must check-in at the Show Office during official check-in times or their entries will be deleted from the records.

8. **Premiums:** ICF will pay premiums based on the total amount of money allocated from the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and local funds after other awards are purchased. Premiums are paid on a point basis.

9. **Youth Showmanship Contests:** A showmanship contest will be included in each department and ribbons will be awarded but no premiums will be paid. Contests will be held for Wee Junior (age 8 and under), Junior (ages 9-13), and Senior (ages 14-19). Age is based on age on the day of the show.

10. **Care of Animals:** Exhibitors will be responsible for the care and feeding of their animals. They should bring their own feed troughs and water buckets. Water will be furnished. Livestock trailers can be parked on the fairgrounds in the assigned location. All stalls, pens, and aisles must be cleaned by exhibitors before checking out. Please check with the department superintendent before loading animals and leaving the fairgrounds. Failure to comply with official check-out times will result in forfeiture of premium money.

11. **Bedding:** Each exhibitor will provide his or her own bedding. No straw is allowed in the barn.

12. **Purebred Animals:** All animals in Registered Breeding Beef classes, including Composites, must have registration papers. Purebred animals must be 75% or greater, depending on the respective breed associations; composite animals must be registered as low percentage with the respective breed association. These composite breeds will have their own breed divisions: (1) Charolais Composite, (2) Lim-Flex, (3) Maintainer, (4) Shorthorn Plus, and (5) Sim Solution. AOB (All Other Breeds) Composite may be divided due to breeding at the discretion of the livestock superintendent. (Poultry, rabbits, and commercial and market classes are exempt).

A. Breeder is defined as the owner of the dam at the time of service and shall be so considered in all classes that require animals to be bred by exhibitors.

13. **Check-in of Animals:** The Arkansas State Livestock and Poultry administration requires the following for animals exhibiting at fairs in the state: See Exhibition Health Requirements for more details.

- Horses: Current Coggins test results issued within the last 12 months

- Cattle: Heifers/Bulls: Current health papers issued by a licensed veterinarian within the last 90 days. Heifers 4-12 months should be brucellosis vaccinated.

- Goats: Animals must have required ID tag OR tattoo. USDA requires ALL breeding sheep and goats moved for show be assigned a premise ID number from the farm of origin (birth). Owners may obtain information and tags by calling the Arkansas Veterinary Services Office at 1- 866-873-2824. The tag or tattoo must be placed in the ear unless the goat is one that is earless. On an earless goat the tattoo should be in the flank, or the tag should be placed in the tail fold. A Scrapie Tag on a collar does not meet Livestock and Poultry Commission guidelines.

- Sheep: All animals must have ear tag in at least one ear and a Scrapie tag.

Swine: Must have an electronic 840 tag for identification, current health papers, negative pseudorabies test and if over 6 months old must have negative brucellosis's test. (Barrows are exempt from brucellosis testing but must be tested negative for pseudorabies)

The ICF reserves the right to have a blood and urine laboratory analysis made for animals at the fair. Any exhibitor administering a drug to an animal which would render the carcass unfit for human consumption or any exhibitor of an animal's producing an analysis indicating the presence of an unapproved drug that can result in a quantitative or qualitative change in the characteristics of the animal will be required to return all premium money and could be

banned from further competition at the fair. Their name and lab analysis will be submitted to the USDA for further investigation and possible prosecution. Any animal receiving medication for any life-threatening disease or illness must be registered at the time they are entered in the fair.

14. Sick or Diseased Animals: Sick or diseased animals will not be permitted to show. If a disease is detected, the owner will be asked to remove the animal from the fairgrounds. In the case of a dispute, fair officials will have authority to call a veterinarian at the expense of the owner.

15. FDA approved implants: May be used in steers, however, no drugs of any sort will be administered without strictly following recommended withdrawal procedures. All entries are subject to visual inspection and/or laboratory testing.

16. The Act of Artificially Filling Animals Internally: This would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method is prohibited. Silicone injections or those injections for cosmetic purposes are prohibited. The only exception to this rule is only in the case of a severely dehydrated animal, the exhibitor may have fluids or electrolytes administered with the approval of, and under the supervision of the show management.

17. Camper Hookups: FFA chapters or individuals may rent space for a travel trailer during the ICF. The rental fee is \$15.00 per night. Reservations are due by July 30th, 2024, and all fees should be paid by that date. Fees can be paid by mailing payment to:

Izard County Fair  
Post Office Box 775  
Melbourne, AR 72556.

All campers will be assigned a space number and should use that space.

18. **Exhibitor Responsibility:** It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to know and follow all rules contained herein. Extent of knowledge on the part of an exhibitor with regard to an animal being subject to any prohibited act is not relevant to any issue, and shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknown subjected the animal to any act prohibited herein.

19. **Herdsmen:** Exhibitors of Jr and Seniors will be considered for herdsman awards. Responsibilities:

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1. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor, rather than the parents, teachers or leaders to area and animals as clean as possible.
  2. If the exhibitor is gone for any reason, it is their responsibility to find another exhibitor to care for their animal(s) in their absence.

**Judging Criteria:**

1. Animals are as clean as possible at all times with proper grooming, bedding and care apparent.
2. Animals are to be fed at proper times and water available at all times.
3. Animals are to be properly tied and penned. Beef animals must be double tied.
4. Feed and water buckets/basins/tubs are to be upright and excess spillage cleaned up at all times.
5. Stalls/pens/cages are to be clean and neat. Bedding is clean and fresh. Feed/feed pans and buckets are clean and in place. All manure cleaned out and deposited in designated areas.

6. Tack and feed area should be kept clean and neatly arranged.

7. Stall/pen cards displayed neatly and complete, with exhibitor's name, animal's name and breed of animal.

a. If animal is crossbred, list as what classification it shows under. IE: Commercial Ewe, Market Wither, Exotic Cross Heifer, Commercial Gilt, Market steer, etc.

8. Exhibitor's share of the alleyway should be kept clean at all times and free of equipment.

9. Exhibitor should be with their exhibit as much as possible to give necessary care to the animals and answer questions asked by the public. Consideration will be given to those with multiple species in the barns.

10. Educational posters/scrapbooks are encouraged as a means of informing the public about your project. This is not a requirement.

11. General attractiveness of the area will be judged. This means general impression of pen, stalls, aisles, tack and stall decoration.

a. Stall decorations: can be as elaborate or simple as the exhibitor wants, the main idea being that the stall/pen cards are displayed an complete; and the stall/pen area is neat and clean.