

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK SHOWS & SALES

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LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES

ELIGIBILITY: The Kane County Junior Livestock Show is open only to residents of Kane County, Fredonia and Moccasin and to children of Kane County and Fredonia High School alumni, who attended at least two years of school at Kane County or Fredonia.

AGE ELIGIBILITY: Exhibitors must be registered for 4-H or FFA. Youth are required to be 8 years old and in 3rd – 12th grades on October 1, 2023 the beginning of the 4-H year or FFA. Exhibitors may show and sell 2 animals, but are limited to showing and selling only one steer for the junior division. The senior division is allowed to sell 2 animals of whichever species.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY:

- The committee reserves the right to refuse any animal unfit for exhibition, including unruly, wild, sick, parasitized animals or animals deemed unfit for any reason.
- The care of all animals is the responsibility of the owners. The fair organization will not assume any responsibility for any loss or injury.
- Owners are responsible for delivering their animals. Animals must be left at the fair following weigh in and not be removed before fair closing. (unless removed by the buyer from livestock sale).
- All animals must be well groomed. Lambs must be shorn to less than 1/4" wool. No butt patterns.
- All sheep must meet the requirements for the federal scrapie program. I.E. must have the proper scrapie identification tags prior to weigh in. Horned goats are allowed. However, dehorning is preferred.
- Drenching is prohibited. If animals must be dosed, adhere to withdrawal periods.

RECORD BOOK:

- One record book is required for each 4-H or FFA exhibitor.
- The record book must be completed by the exhibitor and should include all livestock projects.
- Books must be in the required format for the club they belong to.
- Record book registration is held at the North Event Center prior to the show.
- If the exhibitor chooses not to register their record book, they must present the record book or financial worksheet to the Kane County Livestock Committee at the time of weigh in. Please check the fair book agenda for dates and times.

OWNERSHIP:

- Exhibitors should be members of 4-H or FFA.
- All exhibitors must own, show and sell their own livestock (unless the owner has two animals in the same class). Exceptions may be made for medical and family emergencies, military service or ecclesiastical service with board approval.
- All exhibitors must have owned sheep, goats or hogs for at least 60 days prior to the show and beef must be owned for at least 120 days.

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TAGGING:

- The Livestock Committee will publicize tagging information regarding date, time, and place.
- All animals must be tagged at least 60 days prior to the show.
- A registration form or photo of beef shall be sent to committee members 120 days prior to the show and then tagged at a later date but no later than 60 days prior to the show.

ENTRY FORMS:

- All entries must be on official entry forms and complete.
- Entry forms are available at thekanecountyfair.com under the livestock heading.
- Entry forms are due 60 days prior to the show. Entries not received by the due date will not be allowed to show at the Kane County Fair. **NO late entry forms will be accepted.**
- Exhibitors are required to list all animals to be shown and may list 1 alternate per exhibitor. (The alternate does not have to be species specific.)

Livestock will be shown in the following order:

- Hogs
- Steers
- Goats
- Sheep

Showmanship will be held after each market class

Alternate Animals:

- Exhibitors may tag and register one alternate per exhibitor.
- Alternates must be listed as such on your registration.
- An animal registered as a primary project cannot be used/registered as an alternate.
- An alternate animal may be tagged and used by any exhibitor raising a project at the same location.

JUDGING/SHOWING:

- All entries are judged in a format like the Danish Merit System. Each animal is judged on its own merits.
- Animals may only be entered in one market class and must be halter broke or tame enough for collar working.
- Animals previously shown and sold at any fair or livestock show are ineligible for prizes.
- Exhibitors may show 2 animals, but Jr division youth are limited to showing and selling only one beef.
- Exhibitors are required to dress neatly (collared shirt, long pants and no open-toed shoes) during the livestock show and sale.
- FFA or 4-H identification is required. Failure to comply will result in the forfeit of prize money.
- No animal will be judged unless the exhibitor is present to exhibit the animal. (exceptions will be made if an exhibitor has two animals in the same class).
- Exhibitors are instructed to remain in their positions as placed by the judge until dismissed. The judge will select grand and reserve winners. Final groupings will be left to the discretion of the judge. **The judge's decisions are final.**
- Grand and Reserve champion animals must sell at the sale. Animals receiving a white ribbon will not be sold at the sale.

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SETUP AND CLEANUP:

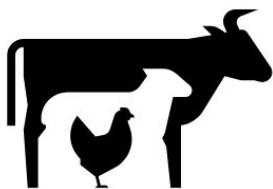
- Exhibitors are required to work two hours either setting up prior to the show or cleaning up after the show.
- Each exhibitor must maintain clean pens throughout the show and sale. Each exhibitor MUST clean individual pens after the show. A clean up date will be set up and advertised by the livestock committee.

WEIGHT LIMITS:

- Only market animals will be sold. If they do not make weight they will be sifted from the market class, but may still show in showmanship classes. There are no upper weight limits. However, it is in the exhibitors best interest to show only market quality animals.

Minimum Weight limits are as follows:

- Market Goat, 65 lbs
- Market Lambs, 100 lbs.
- Market Hogs, 220 lbs.
- Market Beef, 1,000 lbs.



Suggested Weights are as follows:

- Market Goats, 65lbs
- Market Lambs, 130-140 lbs.
- Market Hogs, 240 - 290 lbs.
- Market Beef, 1,100 - 1,275 lbs

Animals underweight will not be sold at the Kane County Fair Livestock Sale, which is held on Saturday.

DIVISIONS

- Ages are 3rd – 12th grades and at least 8 years of age on October 1, 2023.

Age Limits:

- Goats, Lambs and Hogs must be 12 months old or younger and still have their yearling teeth.
- Beef must be 24 months or younger.
- To ensure that the age limit of the animal meets the criteria set the animal may also be examined at the time of weigh in by a veterinarian. This will also ensure that the animal is free of communicable diseases. Failure to comply with the above rules and/or bad conduct will result in prize forfeits.

Fitting and Showmanship

- Juniors 8-13
- Seniors 14-18

Junior Livestock:

- Market Hogs
- Market Beef
- Market Goat
- Market Lamb

Record Book

- 8-13 (years)
- 14-18 (Years)

Livestock Sale:

A sales commission fee of 5% will be charged. Payment for animals is due at time of the sale. After 30 days, if buyers have not paid they will be assessed a 5 % penalty per month until payment is made.