

General Animal Rules

1. 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.
2. 4-H and Vocational Division is open to Snyder County 4-H and FFA members only.
3. 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitors must be taking the project during the current year and have the books evaluated or approved by the organizations advisor/educator in order to participate in 4-H/FFA related fair events.
4. 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.
5. **Swine must arrive at the fair Saturday September 18, 6-8 pm for check in.**
6. All beef, sheep, and goats must arrive at the fairgrounds from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday for check in.
7. Dairy animals may arrive Sunday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Monday 9:00 am to 6:30 pm for check in.
8. Rabbits must arrive Sunday for check in and weighing 10 am – 12 pm.
9. Poultry must arrive Sunday for check-in and weighing at 12 pm.
10. **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. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor unless a leased project, with required paperwork.
15. Exhibitors and a parent/guardian are required to attend one of the following exhibitor meetings: Thursday September 16 7:00 pm, Sunday September 19 3:00 pm, or Monday 7:00 pm.
16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

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

25. All animal entry forms (copies of Official Breed Association Registration forms for all purebred, non-market animals, and entry fees, except market entries must be attached) must be filled out and mailed to Livestock Manager Carol Hoffman. Please send them to: Carol Hoffman 37 Jones Hill Road Middleburg, PA 17842 by August 1.

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

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