Items Approved at Livestock Show Directors Meeting April 3rd 2008

- Deadline to order ear tags (State Fair Hogs and all market animals – Friday, August 15, 2008). Animals must have ear tags in ear before classification/retinal imaging!

- Ownership of animal – September 1, 2008 (Monday)
  - **Ownership for both MS State Fair/Dixie National**
    - Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Beef Commercial Heifers
  - **Ownership for MS State Fair**
    - Beef Breeding Animals, Commercial and Dairy Breeding Females, Market Hogs, Dairy Goats

- Nomination/Entry Form submitted online between August 1 and September 3, 2008 (Wednesday, 9/3). Nomination form(s) and printouts of online entries **MUST BE** signed by 4-H agent to verify that entries are complete and accurate and mailed to ADS Extension Office, postmarked no later than September 3, 2008.

- Classification/retinal imaging of market animals (except hogs) and beef commercial heifers – September 15 – 19, 2008 (Monday to Friday). Use same rotation of sites as last year.

- Mississippi State Fair, Jackson – October 1 – 12, 2008

- Deadline to order ear tags (Dixie National Hogs – Friday, November 14, 2008).

- Ownership of animal – December 1, 2008 (Monday)
  - **Ownership for Dixie National Junior Round-Up**
    - Beef Breeding Animals, Commercial and Dairy Breeding Females, Market Hogs, Dairy Goats

- Nomination/Entry Form submitted online between November 1 and December 3, 2008 (Wednesday, 12/3). Nomination form(s) and printouts of online entries **MUST BE** signed by 4-H agent to verify that entries are complete and accurate and mailed to ADS Extension Office, postmarked no later than December 3, 2008.

- NE District Show, Verona – January 29-31, 2009
- NW District Show, Batesville – January 29-31, 2009
- SE District Show, Hattiesburg – January 30-February 1, 2009
- Delta District Show, Greenwood – February 2-4, 2009
- SW District Show, Jackson – February 2-5, 2009
- Dixie National Junior Round-Up, Jackson – February 5 – 12, 2009

MLC voted to approve proposed schedule as presented. **Show Directors Voted Yes**

NOTE: ITEMS LISTED WITH NO ACTION MEANS THAT THE MLC DIRECTORS SUPPORTED THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE MLC.

MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation of item to be added to rule book: Exhibitors, parents, guardians, volunteers, and anyone associated with the livestock shows must go through a Quality Assurance Program.

  MLC voted to disapprove the item. Item was revisited later and passed to have a new quality assurance program. **Show Directors Voted Yes**

- Clarification to rule book: Is it permitted to allow a child and a legal foster child to be joint owners on animals if the foster child has not been adopted by the family?

  MLC voted to amend the motion to include "legal foster child" and the amended motion passed. **Show Directors Voted Yes**

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Delta Recommendation: Allow for showmanship winners in age groups be given more emphasis and premium money for placing in the showmanship classes. Justification: Showmanship is an important part of the project and represents the ability of the exhibitor rather than the quality of the animal. Exhibitors that place in showmanship should be rewarded with higher premium amounts for their efforts. *Steering Committee referred item to Show Management.*

  MLC approved item to be referred to Show Management. **No Action**

- Delta Recommendation: No heat lamps will be allowed to be used in the pens. Justification: Safety of the animals and fire considerations. Animals are left unattended overnight and the lamps can start fire in the pen. Also, so many electric cords are a hazard in the barns. *Steering Committee referred item to Show Management.*

  MLC approved item to be referred to Show Management. **No Action**

- NE Recommendation: Exhibitors can nominate 8 breeding animals instead of 6 breeding animals.
  NE Recommendation: Exhibitors can nominate 6 market animals (lambs/goats) for State Fair and 6 market animals for Dixie National. Exhibitors can nominate 3 market steers for State Fair and 3 market steers for Dixie National.
  SW Recommendation: Repeal the rule to only nominate six animals per child.
  SE Recommendation: Ask show management to adjust Dairy Show as needed to

replace any nominated animal with another nominated animal in case of illness. This would mean that dairy exhibitors could nominate more than 6 head. *Steering Committee accepted item from SW District and rejected the NE & SE recommendations.*

MLC voted to repeal the rule to only nominate six animals per child so that there is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor can nominate for the Mississippi State Fair, District, and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows. **Show Directors voted no limit to the number on how many an exhibitor can nominate**

- SW Recommendation: Increase the number of market animals to be taken to the Dixie National Junior Round-Up Show to three per species. *Steering Committee did not accept this recommendation.*

  MLC voted to accept Steering Committee recommendation. **Voted to accept MLC Recommendation**

- NE Recommendation: Each species should receive equal representation on the Livestock Council by members elected by exhibitors of that species. Each district would elect 1 representative for each species to represent that district on the MLC (beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, lamb, market goat, dairy goat). *Steering Committee did not accept this recommendation.*

  MLC voted to accept Steering Committee recommendation. **No Action**

- SE Recommendation: Show management makes the weight breaks as evenly as possible to fit the show ring. *Steering Committee did not accept this recommendation.*

  Item was skipped due to a similar item in the beef section being presented. **No Action**

- SW Recommendation: All drug disqualifications on health records need to be reviewed on a by animal basis. *Steering Committee did not accept this recommendation as this process is already being followed.*

  MLC accepted item as presented by the SW District to review all drug disqualifications on health records on a by-animal basis. **No Action**

- SW Recommendation: Page 8 of Junior Round-Up book titled "drug use rule" first paragraph, last sentence. "Performance enhancing drugs (including, but not limited to: steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and pain killers) may not be administered 5 days prior to showing the animal." Change 5 days to 2 days prior to

showing animal. All drug disqualifications on health records will continue to be reviewed on a per animal basis. *Steering Committee accepted this recommendation.*

MLC approved SW recommendation but it was amended to add "FDA or licensed veterinarian approved drugs can be used for all species." The amended motion then passed.

MLC voted to appoint a committee to look at the drug use rule and to meet with the Board of Animal Health. **No action taken, Show Directors agreed to let MLC President appoint a committee to look at drug rule and meet with Board of Animal Health**

- SW Recommendation: Establish a dress code for agents. *Already in rule book.* **No Action**

- SW Recommendation: That the Fair Commission staff look at the area between Barn 15 and the beef show arena to see what can be done to prevent flooding of the cattle tie areas, hallway, and show ring during heavy rains. *Steering Committee referred this item to Show Management/Fair Commission.*

  MLC voted to accept Steering Committee recommendation to refer item to Show Management/Fair Commission. **No Action**

- SW Recommendation: Be able to pick up more than one show program. *Steering Committee referred this item to Show Management.*

  MLC voted to refer item to Show Management. **No Action**

- SW Recommendation: Encourage ring men to pay attention to the judge. *Steering Committee referred this item to Show Management.*

  MLC voted to refer item to Show Management. **No Action**

- SW Recommendation: Encourage make up area workers to be flexible with exhibitors and helpers (family members) who have to show back to back. *Steering Committee referred this item to Show Management.*

  MLC voted to refer item to Show Management. **No Action**

- NE Recommendation: Add goat classes during the 4-H Sr. Livestock Judging Contest. *Steering Committee did not accept this item. There is already a separate goat judging contest and time is a concern based on the schedule of shows/contests that day.*

MLC voted to accept the NE Recommendation to add goat classes during the 4-H Sr. Livestock Judging Contest. **No Action**

- NE Recommendation: Add junior exhibitors to livestock judging contest at State Fair. *Steering Committee did not accept this item. Time is a problem.*

  MLC voted to accept the Steering Committee recommendation as time was a big issue and junior exhibitors can compete at district shows in judging contests. **No Action**

DAIRY CATTLE RECOMMENDATIONS

- NE Recommendation: Adopt the Purebred Dairy Code of Ethics for the Junior Dairy Shows (State Fair, District, and Dixie National). *Steering Committee did not accept this item.*

  MLC voted to accept the NE Recommendation to adopt the Purebred Dairy Code of Ethics for the Junior Dairy Shows (State Fair, District, and Dixie National). Dairy exhibitors are still to follow the General Show Rules and Regulations. **Livestock Directors Voted No**

- NE Recommendation: Do not tie beef cattle in the dairy barns at the west end of the arena because it makes it difficult to get the dairy cows to the milking room. *Steering Committee referred this item to Show Management.*

  MLC voted item be referred to Show Management. **No Action**

SWINE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Delta Recommendation: Include the Champion Barrows from the MS Bred Barrow Show in the overall Champion drive at Dixie National.
  Justification: Barrows are market hogs and need to be included in the overall Championship. *Steering Committee referred this item to the Mississippi Pork Producers Association.*

  MLC voted to keep the swine show as is. The barrow will not compete for the overall champion drive at the Dixie National. **No Action**

- Delta Recommendation: Allow exhibitors the option of carrying gilts home rather than putting them on the truck if such declaration is made with nomination on December 1.
  Justification: All other shows are not terminal and some exhibitors want to carry the gilts home to breed.

SE Recommendation: The Dixie National Jr. Swine Show should not be terminal and that there would be no sale of hogs so that all hogs would go home with the exhibitor.
NW Recommendation: Change all market shows from a terminal show or with sale requirements to a non-terminal show with no sale requirements.
Justification: To allow for private treaty sales of animals and lift the requirements to sell on a bid basis.
SW Recommendation: Hogs be allowed to return home from Dixie National Junior Round-Up.
Steering Committee accepted the NW District Recommendation and did not accept the Delta, SE, and SW recommendations.

MLC voted to accept NW Recommendation to not have a terminal market show for all species and to not have a bid sale for animals that do not make the Sale of Champions.

Livestock Directors Voted yes to not have a terminal show for all species and to accept NW Recommendation to change all market shows from a terminal show or with sale requirements to a non-terminal show with no sale requirements. Justification: To allow for private treaty sales of animals and lift the requirements to sell on a bid basis.

MARKET LAMB RECOMMENDATIONS

- NE Recommendation: Continue to show market lambs by breed classification and not by weight divisions. *Steering Committee accepted this item.*

  MLC voted to support this recommendation. **No Action**

MARKET GOAT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Delta Recommendation: Request the Sale of Champions Committee consider including the Division Champion and Reserve Champions in the Sale of Junior Champions.
  Justification: To obtain parity with the other species.
  NE Recommendation: Request the Mississippi Livestock Council to encourage the Dixie National Sale of Junior Champions Committee to include the division champion and reserve champions in the Junior Sale of Champions.
  NW Recommendation: Request the Sale of Champions Committee to add the division champion and reserve champion goats to the Sale of Champions.
  Justification: To achieve parity with the other species. There are more goats shown per goats in the sale than any other species. Adding the different weight groups to the sale will increase participation even more.
  SE Recommendation: That the Market Goat Champion and Reserve Champion from

each of the four weight groups along with the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Mississippi Bred Grand Champion, and Mississippi Bred Reserve Grand Champion be in the Sale of Champions.
Steering Committee referred this item to Sale of Champions Committee.

MLC voted to accept the Steering Committee recommendation to refer this item to the Sale of Champions Committee. **No Action**

- NE Recommendation: Request the Mississippi Livestock Council to encourage the Dixie National Sale of Junior Champions Committee that the goat premier exhibitors contest is divided into separate contests: a market goat premier exhibitor contest and a dairy goat premier exhibitor contest. The goat premier exhibitor is currently awarded to both the dairy and market goat exhibitors in one contest. *Steering Committee referred this item to Sale of Champions Committee.*

  MLC voted to accept the Steering Committee recommendation to refer this item to the Sale of Champions Committee. **No Action**

- SW Recommendation: Change market goat classes to read as follows:
  a. Lightweight 1
     Lightweight 2
     Lightweight 3
     Lightweight 4
     Lightweight 5
     Lightweight 6
     Champion Lightweight (sale)
     Reserve Champion Lightweight (sale)
  b. Heavyweight 1
     Heavyweight 2
     Heavyweight 3
     Heavyweight 4
     Heavyweight 5
     Heavyweight 6

     Champion Heavyweight (sale)
     Reserve Champion Heavyweight (sale)
     Grand Champion Market Goat (sale)
     Reserve Champion Market Goat (sale)
     Mississippi Bred Grand Champion (sale)

  This will allow for the possibility of five goats to be placed in Sale of Champions.
  Steering Committee did not accept this recommendation.

MLC voted to accept the Steering Committee Recommendation. **No Action**

- NE Recommendation: Institute a Junior Commercial Meat Goat Doe Show. This would be similar to the current Beef and Dairy Commercial Heifer Shows and give goat exhibitors more opportunities to get involved in the goat project. SEE FINAL PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COMMERCIAL MEAT GOAT DOE SHOW. *Steering Committee referred this item to Show Management. There is a concern of parity among the other species.*

  MLC voted to accept the NE Recommendation to institute a Junior Commercial Meat Goat Doe Show. **No Action**

- NE Recommendation: Make the market goat weights be a minimum of 60 pounds but no maximum weight.
  NW Recommendation: Raise the weight limit on market goats to 120 pounds. Justification-To keep from kicking out kids with heavy weight goats.
  SE Recommendation: Change the weight limit on Market Goats from 110 to 125.
  SW Recommendation: Have a minimum weight of 40 pounds for market goats and a no maximum weight limit. *Steering Committee did not accept these items and recommended to leave limits that are currently in place.*

  MLC voted to accept the Steering Committee recommendation but amended this recommendation to remove the maximum weight limit for market goats shown at the Mississippi State Fair, District, and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows. **Livestock Show Directors Voted yes to remove the maximum weight limit for market goats shown at the Mississippi State Fair, District and Dixie National Junior Round-UP Shows.**

- NW Recommendation: Move the start of the Market Goat Show to 30 minutes following conclusion of the Market Lamb Show.
  Justification: The show is ending too late at night and there is down time between the shows. *Steering Committee referred this item to Show Management.*

  MLC voted to refer this item to Show Management. **No Action**

- SE Recommendation: Show management should set up a designated place for goats that are staying over after the sale. *Steering Committee referred this item to Show Management.*

  This is not a problem anymore since there is no bid sale.

  NOTE: There may be a big problem of what to do with animals that are not removed from the barns after the conclusion of the shows. Pigs have to be removed on

Saturday night so stalls can be cleaned for lambs and goats to move in on Sunday. Similarly, lambs and goats have to be removed on Tuesday night so stalls can be cleaned for dairy goats and open show livestock. This situation needs to be looked at carefully. **No Action, but will need to put a statement in rule book about removal times from barns.**

- SW Recommendation: Add pygmy goats to the dairy goat show and market goat show to include registered junior does, registered senior does, and/or grade pygmy goats in the market classes. *Steering Committee did not accept this item. Under the current rules, pygmy goats can be shown in the dairy show and can achieve their own breed if 10 or more show for two consecutive years in the AOP division. There is no restriction on type of goat for meat goat show.*

  MLC voted to accept the Steering Committee recommendation. **No Action**

DAIRY GOAT RECOMMENDATIONS

- SW Recommendation: Add pygmy goats to the dairy goat show and market goat show to include registered junior does, registered senior does, and/or grade pygmy goats in the market classes. *Steering Committee did not accept this item. Under the current rules, pygmy goats can be shown in the dairy show and can achieve their own breed if 10 or more show for two consecutive years in the AOP division.*

  MLC voted to accept the Steering Committee recommendation. **No Action**

BEEF CATTLE RECOMMENDATIONS

- NE Recommendation: Make the ownership deadline for beef commercial heifers for the MS State Fair to be September 1st and the ownership deadline for the District/Dixie National to be December 1st. Heifers are to be classified at the State Fair and Dixie National when weighed and no longer retinal image beef commercial heifers.
  NW Recommendation: Change the ownership deadline on Commercial Heifers to September 1, and December 1, and classify them at State Fair and Dixie National. Justification: This allows ownership times for later born calves and thus more participation. It also eliminates the financial hardships of parents having to take off work to go for classification.
  NW Recommendation: Do away with the retinal scanning of commercial heifers. Justification: With a classification two times a year, there will be no need to scan in order to I.D. commercial heifers.
  Steering Committee did not accept this recommendation.

  MLC voted to accept the NE Recommendation but this motion failed. The MLC then voted to accept the Steering Committee Recommendation and this motion passed to

keep classifying and retinal imaging beef commercial heifers. **No Action**

- SE Recommendation: Show Slick Sheared Steers before Traditional Groomed Steers at Dixie National. *Steering Committee accepted this recommendation.*

  MLC voted to accept this item to show slick sheared steers before traditional groomed steers. **No Action**

- SW Recommendation: Show all steers with hair (traditional) at the Dixie National Junior Round-Up. *No motion made for lack of support.*

  MLC voted to accept SW Recommendation but this item failed. **No Action**

- SW Recommendation: Keep traditional haired steers at State Fair and Dixie National Junior Round-Up. *Steering Committee accepted this recommendation.*

  MLC voted to accept this item to keep both traditional groomed and slick sheared steer shows. **No Action**

- SE Recommendation: Have a slick-sheared steer finished market show at the State Fair with or without a sale and have a traditional groomed steer finished market show at the Dixie National in February. This would allow for producers to sell more club calves. Plus steers would not have to show slick in the coldest part of the year and not have hair when it is warmer in October. *Steering Committee did not accept this recommendation.*

  MLC voted to accept the Steering Committee Recommendation to leave the steer shows as they are now. **No Action**

- SE Recommendation: Break Beef Breeding Classes and Commercial Heifer Weight Groups so that no more than 15 animals are in one class. If there is a beef breeding class or commercial heifer weight group with more than 15 head, heats will be made for those classes/weight groups. *Steering Committee accepted this recommendation.*

  MLC voted to accept this item to break classes into heats with more than 15 animals per class. **Livestock Directors voted yes**

- SW Recommendation: Limit the class size of all commercial heifer classes to 12 head at Junior Round-Up and State Fair. *Taken care of in previous item.* **No Action**

- SW Recommendation: Set up the beef weigh-in station and hair inspection areas so that kids don't have to stand in the rain. *Steering Committee referred this item to Show Management.*

MLC voted to send this item to Show Management. **No Action**

- A motion was made to allow an exhibitor that wins a Traditional Groomed Steer Scholarship still be able to show a Slick Sheared Steer that could qualify for the Sale of Champions.

  MLC did not support this item; motion failed. **No Action**

- A motion was made to allow dairy exhibitors to show no more than two dairy cattle per class at the Mississippi State Fair, as had been done prior to the 2007 Mississippi State Fair.

  MLC did not support this item; motion failed. **No Action**

Junior Commercial Meat Goat Does

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Junior exhibitors will only be allowed to nominate/enter six (6) breeding animals (for the Mississippi State Fair, District Livestock Shows, and Dixie National Junior Round-Up.
2. Age will be determined by milk teeth. Does that have lost the two center temporary incisor teeth (baby teeth) but have no visible permanent incisors are eligible to show. Any visible permanent incisor tooth disqualifies the animal. Does will be mouthed at the District Show just as commercial beef heifers.
3. Does may be horned, polled or dehorned.
4. Exhibitors must purchase an ear tag for each commercial meat goat doe through the State 4-H Livestock Office. Commercial does must be ear tagged prior to making entry just as with commercial beef heifers.
5. Does will be weighed only once (no reweighs). The minimum weight for commercial does is 50 pounds with no maximum.
6. Each exhibitor shall clip, groom and dress his/her own animal throughout ownership period. However, an exhibitor may be assisted in the clipping, grooming or dressing of his/her animal by his/her immediate family (limited to parents, legal guardians, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles), county extension agents, agriculture education teachers, other eligible 4-H or FFA exhibitors or volunteer leaders (un-paid) who are permanent residents of Mississippi and are officially certified by the county extension agent or agricultural education teacher. It is unethical to pay anyone to assist in grooming or fitting of animals. In addition, exhibitors and their animals may attend dressing, grooming and showmanship workshops or clinics where experienced persons may teach exhibitors how to prepare themselves and their animals for shows. However, no animal to be shown at any of the shows shall be taken to any such workshop or clinic within 10 days prior to the show at which the animal will be shown. An educational workshop or clinic is defined as a group training session which is available to all exhibitors within a certain county, area or district. Such educational workshops or clinics may consist of lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on experience by the participants. This rule does not apply to the removal of horns or the trimming of hooves.
7. Commercial does may not be shown in the market goat show.

↳ Commercial meat goat does may not be shown in the market goat show.

Order of Show

1. Showmanship
2. Classes by weight divisions

Class

1. Lightweight 1
   Lightweight 2
   Lightweight 3
   - Champion Lightweight Commercial Doe
   - Reserve Champion Lightweight Commercial Doe

- Remainder of Weight Divisions not listed here but similar to weight classes in Market Goat Show