

# 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Rules

## 2006-2007 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Dates

<b>Neshoba County Fair</b>	<b>July 21-28, 2006</b>
<b>Neshoba State Fall Dairy Show</b>	<b>July 27, 2006</b>
<b>Newton State Fall Dairy Show</b>	<b>July 28, 2006</b>
<b>Columbia State Fall Dairy Show</b>	<b>September 16, 2006</b>
<b>Mississippi State Fair</b>	<b>October 4 – 15, 2006</b>
<b>NE MS Fair State Fall Dairy Show</b>	<b>October 28, 2006</b>
<b>Tylertown State Fall Dairy Show</b>	<b>November 11, 2006</b>
<b>NE District Show, Verona</b>	<b>January 25 – 27, 2007</b>
<b>NW District Show, Batesville</b>	<b>January 25 – 27, 2007</b>
<b>SE District Show, Hattiesburg</b>	<b>January 26 – 28, 2007</b>
<b>Delta District Show, Greenwood</b>	<b>January 29 – 31, 2007</b>
<b>SW District Show, Jackson</b>	<b>Jan 29 – Feb 1, 2007</b>
<b>Dixie National Junior Round-Up</b>	<b>February 1 – 8, 2007</b>

## SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Code of Conduct:** Each exhibitor and his/her family participating in Mississippi Junior Livestock Shows is a representation of several thousand 4-H and FFA Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goat and Swine Project Members in the State of Mississippi. Each exhibitor and his/her family must accept the responsibility of creating a positive image which reflects the 4-H and FFA ideals. The show management reserves the right to send any junior exhibitor home with his/her exhibit if he/she or any other family member is guilty of conduct unbecoming the junior livestock shows. Also, any exhibit shown prior to misconduct will not be eligible for premium money, placings or awards. The next high placing animal will not be advanced.
2. **Code of Ethics:** In order to maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity of our Mississippi Junior Livestock Shows, any animal found to have been fitted, cared for, or shown in an unethical manner shall be disqualified and the exhibitor shall forfeit all awards, premiums and sale money. The exhibitor and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) may be barred from participating in future shows. Furthermore, the Show Management and Rules Committee may impose such penalties, as the Committee deems appropriate.

### Animal Inspection

The Show Management shall have the authority to inspect and conduct any tests on any animal entered in the show. Specifically, management has the authority to inspect any animal entered in the Sale of Junior Champions, its hide or carcass, to collect blood, urine, body fluid, tissue and/or any other laboratory analysis deemed necessary. The exhibitor, and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) or designated volunteer leader, must be present during the collection of samples for testing, sign necessary paperwork, and verify the sample to be properly collected and prepared for analysis. All specimens, which are taken randomly or from sale animals, must be sealed and the seal signed by the parent and/or exhibitor and the sample taker. The parent and/or exhibitor must be present with the specimen until it is sealed. Testing results will be disclosed to the exhibitor and family and their County Extension Office.

As a condition for participation in the show and sale, every exhibitor, by entering an animal, agrees his/her animal may be inspected and subject to any laboratory analysis or any other tests. Furthermore, every exhibitor agrees that the conclusions reached and actions taken by the Inspection Committee and Rules Committee shall be final, without recourse against show officials, the Rules Committee, the Inspection Committee, or buyers. The Inspection Committee shall be appointed by the Extension 4-H Livestock Specialist and made up of the Extension veterinarian or designed veterinarian of the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, area livestock agent, and 3 to 5 additional Extension Agents/Vo-Ag advisors. (This committee is also referred to as the drug testing committee).

## Use of Drugs

(as adapted from the National Code of Show Ring Ethics)

Legal or illegal substances used to physically alter the appearance of an animal entered in livestock events are prohibited. Use of illegal drugs is considered a pre-meditated act! Furthermore, any information obtained on the practice of illegal alteration of an animal will be turned over to the proper authorities for criminal prosecution. **THIS IS A ONE STRIKE AND YOU ARE OUT POLICY!** Violation of this rule may result in an exhibitor forfeiting any premium, awards, or auction proceeds and being prohibited from further competition at officially sanctioned livestock shows in Mississippi, as well as being subject to criminal prosecution if proven guilty. A second offense in the same immediate family may result in the barring of the entire family of the exhibitor from further participation in any state supported livestock show.

The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and/or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that:

- (1) They are absolutely responsible for the care and custody of their animals
- (2) The show management of the Mississippi State Fair and the Dixie National Junior Round-Up livestock shows shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug
- (3) The drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Show Management of these livestock shows shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.

Animals receiving performance-enhancing drugs (including, but not limited to, steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and pain killers) prior to entering the show grounds for which the withdrawal period has not been met, are ineligible for competition. Also, animals shall not be treated with these products while on the show grounds. The term "drug" shall mean any substance for which the sale, possession or use is controlled by license under federal, state, or local laws or regulation and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions that affects the circulatory, respiratory, musculo-skeletal or central nervous system of any species of livestock. If drugs are used by a licensed veterinarian to treat a recognized disease in market animals, the recommended and/or established withdrawal times for that drug will be strictly followed.

All exhibitors shall document the use of any drugs and/or medications administered to animals entered into these livestock shows by using the appropriate animal health forms (described below) from the MSU Extension Service. All animals entered into these livestock competitions shall be subject to blood, urine, and/or tissue testing by Show Management, FDA, and USDA for foreign substances. Any animal that exceeds acceptable levels established by the appropriate regulatory agencies, such as the USDA, FDA, and EPA, will be in violation of these rules and appropriate action will be taken.

All extra-label uses (including use in a non-label species) of medications must be by or under the direction of a licensed veterinarian in order to comply with FDA guidelines for extra-label drug use. **Federal regulations prohibit animal owners from administering medications in any manner not consistent with the approved label.** Any deviation from approved label indications for disease treated, species of animal, dosage, route of administration, duration of administration, etc. constitutes "extra-label" drug use. Veterinarians should follow the criteria outlined by the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act (AMDUCA) when using extra-label drugs on livestock. This requires that the veterinarian identify the animal treated, the condition(s) being treated, the name and active ingredient of the drug used, along with its dosage and appropriately extended withdrawal period. Withdrawal periods for extra-label drug use may be obtained from the Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (FARAD). Forms to properly document extra-label drug use are available from the MSU Extension Service county offices.

At any time after an animal arrives at the Mississippi State Fair or Dixie National Junior Round-Up livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications, shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian and a written medication record must be filed with livestock show management office. Animals receiving performance-enhancing drugs (as outlined above) are ineligible for competition. Show management will maintain a list of large animal veterinarians practicing in the general area and other veterinarians who often participate in the livestock show. There shall be a licensed veterinarian, appointed by the State Veterinarian's office, on call during the above-mentioned livestock shows. The appointed veterinarian on call will be available on the fairgrounds during specified hours as posted in the livestock office. Parents or guardians of the exhibitors who use the services of this appointed veterinarian will only be responsible for the cost of medications. **No medications or substances, as well as tools or equipment used to administer medications or other substances, are allowed on the property known as the Mississippi State Fair Grounds during the Mississippi State Fair and Dixie National Junior Livestock Shows, except those in the possession of a licensed veterinarian.**

**Animals treated with any medication within 60 days prior to or during the Mississippi State Fair Livestock Show or the Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Show including, but not limited to, over-the-counter medications, medicated feeds, dewormers, prescription medications, and extra-label drug use medications, must have a completed health record form listing all products and treatments received.** This form can be obtained from the MSU Extension Service county offices. Exhibitors with questions regarding medications and/or eligibility requirements should consult the MSU Extension Veterinarian or show management prior to competition.

Unethical Fitting shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Any injection of air, gas, liquid, solid or any other foreign material under the hide or into the muscle.
  - B. Surgery of any kind to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body. Not included are the removal of warts, teats, horns, docking of tails, trimming of hooves, clipping of hair or wool, or any medical practice deemed necessary for health reasons, performed and verified by a veterinarian.
  - C. Use of any product, such as but not limited to, ice, ice water, alcohol, aerosol coolants, ether, ice packed towels, wet towels, etc.; and any other abnormal/artificial procedure or practice to change the degree of firmness, muscle tone or mass, and/or weight of the animal.
  - D. Any attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development.
  - E. No dyeing, coloring or color masking products shall be used as grooming products. Not included are the dressings applied to horns and hooves.
  - F. Use of any illegal substance or procedure that results in condemnation of the carcass.
  - G. Any use of the added hair or added material, natural or man made. This includes, but not limited to, artificial tail heads, polls, switches, and gluing of natural hair to any part of the body.
  - H. Striking an animal to cause swelling.
  - I. Drenching or administering substances internally or treating an animal, externally with an irritant, counterirritant or other substance used to artificially change the natural conformation or appearance of the animal or to cause swelling or change in contour or handling qualities for show is considered unethical, inhumane, and is prohibited. However, if an animal requires treatment at the recommendation of a veterinarian, this treatment must be done in the presence of the show manager as outlined above.
  - J. Balancing the udder by any abnormal means including the use of a mechanical contrivance or the injection of fluid or drugs, setting the teats and/or occluding (sealing the ends) with a mechanical contrivance or with the use of chemical preparation, treating, or massaging the udder or its attachments with an irritant or counter-irritant will not be permitted. The use of common products such as fly spray, ointment or liniment in excess to the extent that it is irritating is included as an irritant.
  - K. Do not misrepresent the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown. Commercial heifers must follow the tooth rule as stated in the premium book of the show. Birth dates, transfer dates, and other information on registration certificates of registered animals must be correct.
  - L. Exhibitors, groups, or any individual switching animals at any time, and changing ear tags or other forms of identification will be barred from showing and will forfeit all prizes, premiums and sale money.
  - M. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership is prohibited. False ownership is illegal.
  - N. The use of inhumane fitting, showing and/or handling practices or devices is not acceptable.
  - O. Criticizing, interfering with or improper contact with the judge before, during, or after the event; criticizing or interfering with other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during or after the event may result in an individual, his family or group being expelled, placed on probation, declared ineligible or barred from exhibiting at or attending an event or future events.
3. Exhibitors, leaders and agents should present a positive image for the junior livestock program and dress accordingly in the show ring and at the Sale of Junior Champions. All exhibitors are required to wear collared shirts, which must be tucked into pants or knee-length skirts while exhibiting in the show ring and/or participating in the Sale of Junior Champions. No T-shirts, sagging pants, sandals, halter or open front tops, or other inappropriate type attire will be allowed in the show ring or at the Sale of Junior Champions.
  4. Each exhibitor shall clip, groom, and dress his/her own animal throughout ownership period and while at the Mississippi State Fair, Dixie National Junior Roundup Livestock Show and any District Junior Livestock Show ("shows"). 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, agricultural educational 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.

5. Stalling Procedures: Stall space for beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats and hogs will be assigned by the Show Management. Reserving stall space will not be allowed. Check with Stalling Superintendent upon arrival for stall assignments.
6. Only youth residing in Mississippi, ages 8 through 18, who are bona fide members of a 4-H club or FFA chapter within the state are eligible to show. Exhibitors must be at least 8 years old before January 1 of the current year and must not have passed his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before January of the current year. Exhibitor's age is determined by the exhibitor's age on December 31 preceding the current calendar year in which the show is held. (Not necessarily age on show day.)
7. All livestock entries must be made by the exhibitor's supervising Extension Agent or FFA Advisor. Entry instructions will be provided to the Extension Agents and FFA Advisors prior to deadlines.
8. The eligibility of exhibitors will be determined by the supervising Extension Agent/FFA Advisor who certifies that the youth exhibitor is taking care of his/her animal. Exhibitors must maintain continuous ownership, and care of his/her animals from the time of ownership deadline until show day.
9. Animals, which are owned jointly on a partnership basis with an adult, are not eligible to show in the State Fair, District Shows or Dixie National Junior Round-Up. FFA and 4-H members must be individual owners of any animal which they exhibit unless 2 or more brothers or sisters, each 18 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current show year, of a family, constitute a partnership in ownership of the animal. Animals must be registered in individual names and not in the name of a farm, partnership or other entity.
10. All registered beef and dairy breeding animals must be accompanied by original registration certificate showing that animal is owned by the junior exhibitor. Such certificate must be presented to the show superintendent or entry clerk for checking positive identification and to establish eligibility for showing. Animals without registration papers presented will not be permitted to show. Breed associations and management reserve the right to check animal tattoos or brand with registration papers.
11. Before any animal is shown by a junior at the State Fair, District Livestock Shows and the Dixie National Junior Round-Up, the animal must be entirely owned by and cared for by the exhibitor. After ownership deadline, the animal shall not be shown in its individual class at any show by anyone other than the junior owner, a member of the immediate family, or another junior. And further, before any animal shown by a junior is entered upon the books of the respective show, the Extension agent in charge of the county 4-H work or vocational agricultural instructor will certify that this animal has been in the junior exhibitor's possession for the length of time as heretofore stated and that the agent or instructor has checked the tattoo number of the breeding animal to be shown against the registration papers of said animal and that the tattoo number and date of birth in the registration papers corresponds with the information on the entry.

### 2006-2007 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Deadlines

State Fair				District Shows & Dixie National Jr. Round-Up			
	Ownership	Entry	Classification**	Ownership	Entry/ Nomination	Classification**	Declaration to Sell
<b>Commercial Beef Heifers</b>	Sept 1st	Sept 6th	Sept 11 - 14th	Sept 1st	Sept 6th	Sept 11 - 14th	N/A
<b>Steers</b>	Sept 1st	Sept 6th	Sept 11 - 14th	Sept 1st	Sept 6th	Sept 11 - 14th	N/A
<b>Lambs</b>	Sept 1st	Sept 6th	Sept 11 - 14th	Sept 1st	Sept 6th	Sept 11 - 14th	Dec 11th
<b>Goats (Mkt)</b>	Sept 1st	Sept 6th	Sept 11 - 14th	Sept 1st	Sept 6th	Sept 11 - 14th	Dec 11th
<b>Hogs</b>	Sept 1st	Sept 6th	N/A	Dec 1st	Dec 11th	Feb 1st-2nd	Dec 11th
<b>Beef Breeding</b>	Sept 1st	Sept 6th	N/A	Dec 1st	Dec 11th	N/A	N/A
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	Sept 1st	Sept 6th	N/A	Dec 1st	Dec 11th	N/A	N/A
<b>Dairy Goats</b>	Sept 1st	Sept 6th	N/A	Dec 1st	Dec 11th	N/A	N/A

\*\* Classification Schedule Details on page 5.

12. (A). Ownership deadline date to be changed to September 1<sup>st</sup> for the following: Commercial Beef Heifers, Market Goats, Market Lambs and Market Steers.
- (B). Entry Form deadline to be changed to September 6<sup>th</sup>, to be submitted to County Extension Offices.

13. Classification, Tagging and approved Animal I.D. method to be determined by Show Management (either, or) nose printing, optical imaging, EID, etc. schedule below will be established after ownership deadline each year, recommended for 2006 as follows:

Southeast District	September 11
Southwest District	September 12
Delta District	September 13
Northwest District	September 14
Northeast District	September 14

A detailed schedule with locations, dates and times will be released to County Extension Service offices and FFA advisors at least one month prior to classification event.

Participation at anyone of the five locations is required to be able to show in District Shows, State Fair and Dixie National Junior Round Up. Classification will be conducted by professionals. Classification in September will stand through Dixie National Junior Round Up.)

14. All animals in junior division must meet health requirements governing admission of livestock entering fairs or livestock shows. Official Health Certificates will be checked on all breeding and market animals by the Mississippi Board of Animal Health. If papers are not in order, animals cannot be unloaded.
15. All animals must show a reasonable amount of fitting to be eligible for premium money.
16. All Jr. Exhibitors showing bulls must use a nose lead or the animal cannot enter the show ring. **All junior exhibitors with a bull must use a nose lead on the bull at any time the animal is moved from the stalling area while on the fairgrounds. The only exception to having a nose lead in place is while being tied in the stalling area with a halter and neck rope. Nose leads are not required for heifers or steers and are not allowed for showing heifers or steers.**
17. All beef and dairy cattle (beef breeding, commercial beef heifers, commercial dairy heifers, purebred dairy cattle and steers) will be shown with a leather show halter in the show ring. No nylon or rope halters and no nylon or rope leads will be allowed by exhibitors in the show ring.
18. Any beef breeding animal not having a legible tattoo, correct tattoo, or brand will be disqualified.
19. If a breed (breeding or market) shows fewer than 10 animals for 2 consecutive years, then that breed will lose its separate classification and be shown in the other breeds classification. If a breed shows 10 or more for 2 consecutive years, then that breed will receive a separate (breeding or market) classification. Other breeds lambs will show with the breed that has the smallest average number of animals shown for the past two years.
20. No market animal shall be shown at any state supported show that has been shown in any other show under different ownership.
21. Protests: All protests must be made on an official protest form available at the livestock show office. Protests must be made and signed by the person(s) protesting. The protest must designate the exhibitor and animal involved and the specific rule or regulation that the exhibitor and /or animal is violating. Protests not requiring carcass inspection and/or laboratory tests must be accompanied by a **\$100** cash deposit (which will be forfeited, if protest is not sustained) and submitted to the show manager before official placings of the class involved are announced. Protests concerning unethical procedures, the basis of which requires inspection of hide, carcasses, and/or laboratory tests must be accompanied by a **\$500** cash deposit (which will be forfeited, if protest is not sustained) and submitted to the show manager within one (1) hour after the end of the show involved.
22. Rules committee for the Junior Round-Up will consist of the following people: (1) co-manager of junior show (4-H), (2) co-manager of the junior show (FFA), (3) superintendent of department involved, (4) Livestock Director, Mississippi Fair Commission, (5) producer representative. All decisions of the Rules Committee are final. The Producer Representative is appointed by the Extension 4-H Livestock Specialist and is any person that produces the livestock that is being dealt with at a particular time.
23. No adult, other than ring man, show officials, and judge, are allowed in show ring.
24. Exhibitors must show their own animal or animals. The only exceptions are in cases where the exhibitor has two entries in the same class or is showing in another breed or specie at the same time, and if the exhibitor is physically disabled (illness or injury) at the time of the show or in case of the death of a Junior Exhibitor after the ownership deadline. In such cases, the exhibitor or parent may request a substitute show person. It is the responsibility of the parents, adult leaders, 4-H agents, and FFA instructors, not only to see that their exhibitors abide by these rules, but that others do so also. All exhibitors must report to the class make-up area, whereby animals and exhibitors are checked to determine that the owner is showing his/her own animal before they enter the show ring.
25. Exhibitor or parent requesting a substitute show person must make such request to show management before time of class and complete a request form available at the livestock office. This form must be completed and presented to show management prior to animal entering the holding area. Substitute show person must be another junior exhibitor. Failure to present request prohibits animal from showing.

26. Animals, which are not properly trained and under the control of the exhibitor may be dismissed from the show ring.
27. Where a heifer has calved and the calf is exhibited with its dam, the calf must be on halter and under control of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's assistant.
28. All cattle must be tied in stalls with a halter and "neck rope." Exhibitors not following this rule will forfeit premium money.
29. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship classes and animals must be properly entered in show.
30. All registered beef breeding animals must meet the percentage of blood to be considered purebred, or meet the minimum percentage accepted by the respective breed association in their association sponsored shows. Certificates must be presented to the entry clerk to verify that the animal meets the minimum percent required by that breed association as listed below:

<b>Breed</b>	<b>Bulls</b>	<b>Females</b>
Angus	100%	100%
Beefalo	15/16	7/8
Beefmaster	100%	100%
Blonde d' Aquitaine	15/16	7/8
Brahman	100%	100%
Brangus	3/8 Brahman 5/8 Angus	3/8 Brahman 5/8 Angus
Braunvieh	50%	50%
Charolais	31/32	31/32
Char-Swiss	½ Brown Swiss	½ Brown Swiss
Chianina	1/4	1/4
Gelbvieh	94%	75%
Hereford	100%	100%
Limousin	75%	75%
Maine Anjou	50%	50%
Red Angus	100%	100%
Santa Gertrudis	100%	100%
Shorthorn	100%	100%
Simbrah	5/8 Simmental 3/8 Brahman	5/8 Simmental 3/8 Brahman
Simmental	purebred (15/16)	purebred (15/16)

31. Class size for all market animals (except steers) is based on the following:
  - a. Average number of exhibits for a breed/species, using the past 3 years.
  - b. If a breed/species shows a 3-year average of 15-30, that breed/species will be divided in 2 classes as near equal as possible. When 2 or more animals of the same weight occur at a break point, both will be placed in the lighter weight group.
  - c. When uneven numbers occur the odd number will go in the lightweight group.
  - d. If a breed/species shows a 3-year average of 31 or over, that breed will be divided into as many classes of a multiple of 20 as necessary.
32. Straw is not allowed for bedding beef and dairy cattle in the stalls. All cattle will be bedded on bedding material furnished by the Mississippi Fair Commission.
33. Any exhibitor or parent who individually, or through some other person, violates any of the show rules, and that violation is upheld by the Show Management and Rules Committee, may be subject to forfeit all premium money, may be barred from participation in future shows, and to such other penalties that the Show Management and Rules Committee may deem in order.
34. Arrival and release times are determined by the Management and the Mississippi State Fair Commission in an effort to make the best use of available space and to provide the best possible show for all exhibitors, and the general public. Exhibitors are expected to keep their livestock on display until designated release time.
35. Decisions of judges will be final.
36. Ribbons will be awarded as designated in the catalog.
37. Exhibitors of livestock, to be eligible to receive premiums, will, upon request of the show management, permit use of their animals for scheduled judging contests.
38. No tie outs of cattle permitted until 5:00 p.m. each day.
39. Barn Rules: Exhibitors of livestock are required to keep the area occupied by them (stalls, pens, aisles) neat and attractive in appearance. Area must be cleaned before 9:00 a.m. each day. Show Arena is to be used only for showing and

exercising animals. No tying out or feeding of animals in show arena is allowed. Also, no animals are to be fed or tied out in area next to arena or along walkways. Exhibitors who violate these rules are subject to penalties as outlined in Rule 33.

40. No scooters, roller skates, roller blades, skate boards, bicycles or motorized scooters will be allowed in the barn except for equipment for the handicapped.
41. No electric power generators are allowed in the livestock stall barns.
42. All livestock judges that are selected will be publicly announced as soon as hired, prior to the Dixie National Junior Round-Up and the Mississippi State Fair.
43. Exhibitors may use fans on racks above the cattle provided the fans are firmly affixed to the rack. These fans may be mounted to blow toward the front, side, or rear of the animal. The fans must be mounted high enough for the animal to pass freely under the fan(s) without contacting the bottom of the fan(s) in order to prevent a hazard to persons or animals. Persons using fans assume all responsibility.
44. All aisles must remain open for safety and ease of moving animals in the barns.
45. No dogs are allowed in any barn or building on the show grounds. Exception: Dogs, which are aiding the handicapped.
46. As a condition for participation in state supported shows, each exhibitor and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) must agree to allow any employee of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Board of Animal Health, Extension Service, or an FFA Advisor to inspect the exhibitor's show animal(s) after the ownership deadline date at any reasonable time without advance notice, provided, however, that the exhibitor, parent or guardian, or property owner be present. If the animal is not at the physical location listed on the nomination form, without justifiable cause, the animal is subject to disqualification following a review by the Rules Committee.
47. Mississippi youth livestock shows must adopt any breed association's rules regarding fitting and grooming provided that the particular breed appropriates funds for premiums to the junior livestock show. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to know and follow the breed association's fitting rules for the breed that they are showing.
48. All cattle must be tied in assigned area in the barn from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except cattle that are being groomed, washed, exercised or shown. No cattle are to be tied in alleyways, walkways or show arena. All other livestock must remain in their assigned pens except animals that are being washed, groomed, shown, or exercised. Animals taken to be exercised must remain in their assigned barn or in their respective show arena. After entering the show grounds, at no time will animals be allowed in a trailer except for loading to leave.
49. Only junior exhibitors may compete in the Junior Round-Up Show. Their animal must have qualified through their respective Mississippi District Livestock Show. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
50. All steers, lambs, hogs, commercial beef heifers, goats and commercial dairy heifers are to be weighed at show and if they do not come within the required weight range, they cannot show. This includes animals, underweight as well as overweight. There will be no reweighs on animals failing to meet weight range on first weighing.
51. The first and second place animals in each class of market animals will be required to weigh back as soon as possible after their respective class. The animal must weigh within 5% of the average or it will be disqualified. If either or both, of the first or second place animals are disqualified, weighing through the order of the class will continue until an official first and second are determined. Show Management will designate an individual to accompany each animal and exhibitor to the scales for weigh back.
52. Exhibitors will be expected to furnish feed and necessary equipment.
53. Individual exhibitors at the State Fair are limited to two entries in each class. Individual exhibitors Junior Round-Up Show may exhibit and earn state appropriated monies on only two (2) market animals per species and/or only six (6) breeding animals, not to exceed two (2) entries per class. Any exhibitor that wins a scholarship in the Traditional Groomed Steer show is not eligible to participate in the Sale of Junior Champions with a steer. However, if an exhibitor has a steer that wins a scholarship in the Traditional Groomed Steer show, that exhibitor is still eligible to show another steer in the Slick Sheared Steer show for premiums and awards. Furthermore in the case of dual ownership, the exhibitor of the steer must be declared at weigh-in. Scholarships in the Traditional Groomed Steer show will go to the declared exhibitor of the steer.
54. Only two market animals per specie will be officially weighed for show. All market steers, lambs and commercial beef heifers will be classified by professional classifiers as required in rule 13. page 5 as to breed. Market hogs will be classified at the Dixie National Junior Round-Up prior to showing.

#### **LIABILITY OF EXHIBITORS**

55. All property of every character entered for competition, display or other purpose, or being anywhere in the fairgrounds, shall be subjected to the control of the fair management.
56. If the property owners, or others interested in the property, desire protection against loss, damage or injury from fire or from any other cause, they must make their own arrangements and pay for any such insurance.

**CLAIMS FOR INJURY**

57. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted, no suit instituted or maintained against the Dixie National, its officers or their agents, by or on behalf of any persons, firm or corporation or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on the fairgrounds or occupy any space thereon.
58. If any damage, loss or injury to person or property shall be caused by reason of any neglect or willful act of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on said grounds or occupying space thereon, the Dixie National shall in no manner be responsible therefore and in case it be subjected to any expense or liability, all persons causing same are liable therefore and shall indemnify the same Dixie National.

**LIVESTOCK LIABILITY BILL**

59. **WARNING:** Under Mississippi law, an equine or livestock activity sponsor or an equine or livestock professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine or livestock shows resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities or livestock shows pursuant to House Bill #416.

**MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH  
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING ADMISSION OF  
LIVESTOCK FOR THE  
DIXIE NATIONAL JUNIOR ROUND-UP SHOWS**

**SECTION I - MARKET ANIMALS**

An Official Health Certificate shall accompany all market animals with each animal individually identified and be apparently free of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease.

**SECTION II – CATTLE and DAIRY GOATS**

All Cattle and Dairy Goats shall be accompanied by an Official Health Certificate and be apparently free of any contagious, infectious or communicable disease. As long as Mississippi remains a Brucellosis & Tuberculosis Free State, there will be no Brucellosis or Tuberculosis testing requirements for the Mississippi Junior Round-Up. All cattle and dairy goats except nursing calves and kids must be individually identified on the Health Certificate. No entry permit required.

These regulations issued in compliance and cooperation with the Mississippi Fair Commission for the prevention of contagious diseases.

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**TRADITIONAL GROOMED MARKET STEER SHOW****RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. Stall assignments will be made by show management. Reserving stall space will not be allowed! Check with Stalling Superintendents upon arrival for stall assignments.
2. All cattle must be tied in assigned area in the barn from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except cattle that are being groomed, washed, exercised or shown. No cattle are to be tied in alleyways, walkways or show arena. Animals taken to be exercised must remain in their assigned barn or in their respective show arena. After entering the show grounds, at no time will animals be allowed in a trailer except for loading to leave.
3. No grooming chutes allowed in beef barn until all cattle are stalled. Show management will assign areas where grooming chutes can be placed.
4. Steers will be weighed only once (no reweighs).
5. Steers must have ear tag.
6. Steers must be polled or dehorned with no scurs or re-growth to exceed 1½ inches above the skin line.
7. Noseleads will not be allowed in showing steers.



8. For the State Fair, steers will be divided into a Prospect Steer Division and a Progress Steer Division. Steers which weigh 899 pounds and under will be classified as prospect steers. Steers which weigh 900 pounds and over will be classified as progress steers.
9. For the Dixie National Junior Round-Up, the minimum weight of steers is 1,000 pounds.
10. Steers will be classified as to breed by visual appearance only by a classifying committee, and their decision will be final.
11. Exhibitors may use fans on racks above the cattle provided the fans are firmly affixed to the rack. These fans may be mounted to blow toward the front, side, or rear of the animal. The fans must be mounted high enough for the animal to pass freely under the fan(s) without contacting the bottom of the fan(s) in order to prevent a hazard to persons or animals. Persons using fans assume all responsibility.
12. The first and second place animals in each class of market steers will be required to weigh back as soon as possible after their respective class. The animal must weigh within 5% of the overage or it will be disqualified. If either or both of the first or second place animals are disqualified, weighing through the order of the class will continue until an official first and second are determined. Show Management will designate an individual to accompany each animal and exhibitor to the scales for weigh back.
13. Exhibitors in the steer show may enter beef showmanship classes.
14. Steers will be released after showing.
15. All cattle must be tied in stalls with a halter and "neck rope." Exhibitors not following this rule will forfeit premium money.
16. Steers will be broken down into classes as follows:
  - A. English breeds and their crosses. Steers must be Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, Red Angus, Devon, any other English Beef Breed, or crosses between English breeds. (No other crosses allowed).
  - B. Brahman Influenced Breeds and Their Crosses. Steers must have **obvious** characteristics and appearance of Brahman influence breeding. If steers have Brahman influence, regardless of whether it is a Brahman influence crossed on European or English bred cattle, then it should be entered into the Brahman influenced classification.
  - C. European Breeds and Their Crosses. Steers, such as Simmental, Charolais, Limousin, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Maine Anjou, other European Breeds, and their crosses: European bred steers, such as Simmental, Charolais, Limousin, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Maine, Anjou, other European breeds, and their crosses, even if crossed on English bred cattle, should be entered in the European classification.
17. All entries are to abide by and subject to the general rules and regulations.
18. Each exhibitor shall clip, groom, and dress his/her own animal throughout ownership period and while at the State Fair, Dixie National Junior Livestock Show and any District Junior Livestock Show ("shows"). 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 teacher, 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 un-ethical 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.
19. All steers competing must have previously shown at one of the district shows and placed in the blue ribbon group. A limit of two steers per exhibitor.
20. Class size for the Traditional Groomed Steer Show will be based on the following:
  - a. If a breed division has 15 to 30 steers classifying for the show, then that breed will be divided in two classes as near equal as possible. When 2 or more animals of the same weight occur at a break point, both will be placed in the lighter weight group.
  - b. When uneven numbers occur the odd number will go in the lightweight group.
  - c. If a breed division has thirty-one or more steers classifying for the show, then that breed will be divided into as many classes of a multiple of twenty as necessary.

### **MISSISSIPPI BRED STEER PROGRAM**

1. The rules and regulations governing the Dixie National Junior Round-Up as published in the show catalog will apply.
2. All Mississippi Bred Steers must be conceived, calved, and raised in Mississippi.
3. After the regular show Breed Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected. All Mississippi Bred Breed Champions and Reserves will compete for the Mississippi Bred Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion after the regular show champions have been selected.

## SLICK SHEARED MARKET STEER SHOW

### RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Stall assignments will be made by show management. **Reserving stall space will not be allowed!** Check with Stalling Superintendent upon arrival for stall assignments.
2. All cattle must be tied in assigned area in the barn from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except cattle that are being groomed, washed, exercised or shown. No cattle are to be tied in alleyways, walkways or show arena. Animals taken to be exercised must remain in their assigned barn or in their respective show arena. After entering the show grounds, at no time will animals be allowed in a trailer, except for loading to leave.
3. No grooming chutes allowed in beef barn until all cattle are stalled. Show management will assign areas where grooming chutes can be placed.
4. Steers will be weighed only once (no reweighs).
5. Steers must have ear tag. Steers must be tagged prior to making entry.
6. Steers must be polled or dehorned with no scurs or re-growth to exceed 1½ inches above the skin line.
7. Nose leads will not be allowed in showing steers.
8. For the State Fair, steers will be divided into a Prospect Steer Division and a Progress Steer Division. Steers which weigh 899 pounds and under will be classified as prospect steers. Steers which weigh 900 pounds and over will be classified as progress steers.
9. For the Dixie National Junior Round-Up, the minimum weight of steers is 1,000 pounds.
10. Steers will be classified by a classification committee, and their decision will be final. Steers will be classified on visual appearance only.
11. Exhibitors may use fans on racks above the cattle provided the fans are firmly affixed to the rack. These fans may be mounted to blow toward the front, side, or rear of the animal. The fans must be mounted high enough for the animal to pass freely under the fan(s) without contacting the bottom of the fan(s) in order to prevent a hazard to persons or animals. Persons using fans assume all responsibility.
12. The first and second place animals in each class of market steers will be required to weigh back as soon as possible after their respective class. The animal must weigh within 5% of the average or it will be disqualified. If either or both of the first or second place animals are disqualified, weighing through the order of the class will continue until an official first and second are determined. Show Management will designate an individual to accompany each animal and exhibitor to the scales for weigh back.
13. Exhibitors in the steer show may enter beef showmanship classes.
14. Steers will be released after showing.
15. All cattle must be tied in stalls with a halter and "neck rope." Exhibitors not following this rule will forfeit premium money.
16. Steers will be broken down into classes as follows:
  - A. English breeds and their crosses. Steers must be Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, Red Angus, Devon, any other English Beef Breed, or crosses between English breeds. (No other crosses allowed).
  - B. Brahman Influenced Breeds and Their Crosses. Steers must have **obvious** characteristics and appearance of Brahman influence breeding. If steers have Brahman influence, regardless of whether it is a Brahman influence crossed on European or English bred cattle, then it should be entered into the Brahman influenced classification.
  - C. European Breeds and Their Crosses. Steers, such as Simmental, Charolais, Limousin, Chianina, Gelbveih, Maine Anjou, other European Breeds, and their crosses: European bred steers, such as Simmental, Charolais, Limousin, Chianina, Gelbveih, Maine, Anjou, other European breeds, and their crosses, even if crossed on English bred cattle, should be entered in the European classification.
17. Each exhibitor shall clip, groom, and dress his/her own animal throughout ownership period and while at the State Fair, Dixie National Junior Livestock Show and any District Junior Livestock Show ("shows"). 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 teacher, 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 un-ethical 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.

18. For steers to be eligible for the Slick Sheared Steer Show, the hair shall be clipped to no more than ¼ inch in length on any location of the body, excluding the tail switch, which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Steers will be checked at weigh-in for ¼ inch hair length. **If hair length is over ¼ inch, the exhibitor will have one opportunity to shear the steer to the correct length and will have two hours to report back to the weigh-in committee for compliance with the clipping requirements.** The opportunity to re-shear to meet the hair length will be available for the 2006 Dixie National Junior Round-Up. All steers entering the clipped steer competition must meet the ¼ in hair length at weigh-in. Slick sheared steers that have more than ¼ inch hair length will be disqualified from showing in the Slick Sheared Steer Show, but may be shown in the appropriate Traditional Groomed Steer Show. **The decision of the Show Management will be final.**
19. All steers competing must have previously shown at one of the district shows and placed in the blue ribbon group. A limit of two steers per exhibitor.
20. All entries are to abide by and subject to the general rules and regulations.
21. Class size for the Slick Steer Show will be based on the following:
  - a. If a breed division has 15 to 30 steers classifying for the show, then that breed will be divided in two classes as near equal as possible. When 2 or more animals of the same weight occur at a break point, both will be placed in the lighter weight group.
  - b. When uneven numbers occur the odd number will go in the lightweight group.
  - c. If a breed division has thirty-one or more steers classifying for the show, then that breed will be divided into as many classes of a multiple of twenty as necessary.

#### **MISSISSIPPI BRED STEER PROGRAM**

1. The rules and regulations governing the Dixie National Junior Round-Up as published in the show catalog will apply.
2. All Mississippi Bred Steers must be conceived, calved, and raised in Mississippi.
3. After the regular show Breed Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected. All Mississippi Bred Breed Champions and Reserves will compete for the Mississippi Bred Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion after the regular show champions have been selected.

#### **JUNIOR BEEF BREEDING SHOW SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Stall assignments will be made by show management. Reserving stall space will not be allowed! Check with Stalling Superintendents upon arrival for stall assignments.
2. No grooming chutes allowed in beef barn until all cattle are stalled. Show management will assign areas where grooming chutes can be placed.
3. Each class of beef breeding cattle will be judged numerically, 1,2,3,4. Premiums as set up with appropriate ribbons in each lot will be awarded.
4. Breeding Beef cattle will be released after showing.
5. Exhibitors may use fans on racks above the cattle provided the fans are firmly affixed to the rack. These fans may be mounted to blow toward the front, side, or rear of the animal. The fans must be mounted high enough for the animal to pass freely under the fan(s) without contacting the bottom of the fan(s) in order to prevent a hazard to persons or animals. Persons using fans assume all responsibility.
6. Exhibitors in the beef breeding show may enter beef showmanship.
7. All junior exhibitors showing bulls must use a nose lead or the animal cannot enter the show ring. Nose leads will not be allowed in showing heifers.
8. When the heifer has calved and the calf is exhibited with its dam, the calf must be on halter and under control of the exhibitor's assistant.
9. All cattle must be tied in stalls with a halter and "neck rope." Exhibitors not following this rule will forfeit premium money.
10. All breeding cattle must positively be accompanied by original registration certificate from breed association showing that same is owned by the junior exhibitor. Such certificate must be presented to the entry clerk for checking and positive identification to establish eligibility for showing. Animals without registration certificates will not be permitted to show.
11. All entries are subject to the general rules and regulations.
12. Each exhibitor shall clip, groom, and dress his/her own animal throughout ownership period and while at the State Fair, Dixie National Junior Livestock Show and any District Junior Livestock Show ("shows"). 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 teacher, 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 un-ethical 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.

13. Breeding cattle must have a legible and correct tattoo or brand. Tattoo in ear of breeding cattle or brand may be checked.

## **BEEF CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP**

(There will be only one beef showmanship contest. Any exhibitor showing a steer, commercial heifer, or registered beef animal is eligible to participate.)

1. Exhibitor in showmanship classes must show his/her own animal and animal must be entered in the show.
2. The age of the exhibitor entering showmanship classes will be determined by his/her age as of December 31.
3. Showmanship entries must be pre-registered. Entries must be completed by Extension Agent/Vo -Ag Advisor for exhibitors under their direct supervision. Exhibitors will be assigned into heats for each class as needed.
4. In beef showmanship, animals should be clean and dry. Other grooming techniques (such as oiling, boning, etc.) are not recommended.
5. Exhibitors may show the cow of a cow/calf pair in showmanship; however, the calf cannot be brought into the show ring.

Age as of December 31.

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1. Age 8  | 4. Age 11 | 7. Age 14 | 10. Age 17 |
| 2. Age 9  | 5. Age 12 | 8. Age 15 | 11. Age 18 |
| 3. Age 10 | 6. Age 13 | 9. Age 16 |            |

## **COMMERCIAL BEEF HEIFER SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Stall assignments will be made by show management. Reserving stall space will not be allowed! Check with Stalling Superintendents upon arrival for stall assignments.
2. All cattle must be tied in assigned area in the barn from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except cattle that are being groomed, washed, exercised or shown. No cattle are to be tied in alleyways, walkways or show arena. Animals taken to be exercised must remain in their assigned barn or in their respective show arena. After entering the show grounds, at no time will animals be allowed in a trailer except for loading to leave.
3. No grooming chutes allowed in beef barn until all cattle are stalled. Show management will assign areas where grooming chutes can be placed.
4. Commercial heifers should be entered in the appropriate classification. If it is a Hereford, Angus, Shorthorn, Red Poll, Devon, or any English Breed Cross, then it should be entered in the English Breed. If it is a cross between a European breed, such as Simmental, Charolais, Limousin, etc, or crossed on Simmental or English cattle, then it would show in European Cross. If the cross has any Brahman influence regardless of whether it is a Brahman crossed on European, or English bred cattle, then it would go in a Brahman classification.
5. Age of commercial heifer will be determined by milk teeth. Mouthing of heifers will be done at the District Shows and heifers eligible for District will be eligible for Round-Up. Commercial heifers that have lost the center temporary incisor teeth (baby teeth), but have no visible permanent incisors are eligible to show. Any visible permanent incisor tooth disqualifies the heifer.
6. Heifers must be polled or dehorned with no scurs or regrowth to exceed 1 ½" above the skin line.
7. Have ear tag. Exhibitor must furnish his/her own ear tag and heifers must be tagged prior to making entry.
8. All entries are subject to the general rules and regulations.
9. Heifers will be weighed only once (no reweighs). Each breed designation will be divided into weight breaks as nearly even in number as possible.
10. The minimum weight of heifers is 500 pounds.

11. Exhibitors in the commercial heifer show may enter the Beef Showmanship.
12. Commercial heifers will be classified by visual appearance only by a classifying committee. Their decision will be final.
13. When a heifer has calved and the calf is exhibited with its dam, the calf must be on halter and under control of the exhibitor or exhibitor's assistant.
14. Exhibitors may use fans on racks above the cattle provided the fans are firmly affixed to the rack. These fans may be mounted to blow toward the front, side, or rear of the animal. The fans must be mounted high enough for the animal to pass freely under the fan(s) without contacting the bottom of the fan(s) in order to prevent a hazard to persons or animals. Persons using fans assume all responsibility.
15. Nose leads will not be allowed in showing heifers.
16. Registered heifers are not eligible for the commercial heifer show.
17. All cattle must be tied in stalls with a halter and "neck rope." Exhibitors not following this rule will forfeit premium money.
18. Each exhibitor shall clip, groom, and dress his/her own animal throughout ownership period and while at the State Fair, Dixie National Junior Livestock Show and any District Junior Livestock Show ("shows"). 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 teacher, 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 un-ethical 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.
19. Commercial beef heifers will be released after showing.

## MARKET HOG DIVISION MARKET HOG SHOW

1. All market hogs showing at State Fair, District and Round-Up Shows must be nominated and ear tagged. Nomination forms must be submitted by the Extension Agent or Vo-Ag Advisor verifying all hogs under their supervision.
2. Market hogs (gilt or barrow) must grade in the blue ribbon division at district show to be eligible for Junior Round-Up.
3. Pen assignments will be made by show management. **Reserving pens will not be allowed!** Check with penning superintendent upon arrival for pen assignments. Pen assignments will also be posted.
4. An exhibitor may show a total of two market hogs per class at the State Fair. At Junior Round-Up an exhibitor may show a maximum of two pigs.
5. Minimum weight 200 pounds; no maximum weight (except for the barrow division, max 270 lbs).
6. Exhibitors may take hogs back home after the Dixie National Junior Round-Up, if exhibitor chooses to. Hog exhibitors must declare intent to sell or take home by a date set by Show Management. Show Management will arrange hog buyer bid process and set deadline for exhibitor to declare intent to sell.
7. Market Hogs will be weighed only once (no reweighs). All market hogs will be classified according to breed (except barrows entered in the barrow division which show by weight) and the decision of the Classification Judge or Committee will be final.
8. Show management will not be responsible for any animals that do not show. These animals must be removed from the barns.
9. Show management strongly discourages clipping of hogs on the fairgrounds.
10. The management discourages the use of oil on pigs for this show.
11. No dyeing, coloring or color masking products shall be used as grooming products. Not included are the dressings applied to horns and hooves.
12. All livestock must remain in their assigned pens except animals that are being washed, groomed, shown, or exercised. Animals taken to be exercised must remain in their assigned barn or in their respective show arena. After entering the show grounds, at no time will animals be allowed in a trailer except for loading to leave.
13. Each exhibitor shall clip, groom, and dress his/her own animal throughout ownership period and while at the State Fair, Dixie National Junior Livestock Show and any District Junior Livestock Show ("shows"). 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 teacher, 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 un-ethical 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.

14. The first and second place animals in each class of market animals will be required to weigh back as soon as possible after their respective class. The animal must weigh within 5% of the overage or it will be disqualified. If either or both, of the first or second place animals are disqualified, weighing through the order of the class will continue until an official first and second are determined. Show Management will designate an individual to accompany each animal and exhibitor to the scales for weigh back.
15. Only authorized/approved ringmen or show personnel are allowed in the holding area (class make-up pen) at the Round-Up Swine Show.
16. Hogs to be sold, will be sold as a group to the highest bidder and will be slaughtered by that purchaser with the exception of pigs in the Sale of Champions. There will be a 50¢/head deducted from each pig for processing costs. Pigs will be sold according to weight.
17. Each 4-H Agent, Vo-Ag Instructor, or exhibitor is responsible for seeing that his/her pig is loaded on the truck going to packing plant. This loading is usually immediately after completion of show.

### **Dixie National Junior Round-Up BARROW DIVISION**

1. All barrows must be MS Bred pigs, and tagged with MS Bred tags according to the rules and regulations of the MS Bred contest.
2. Barrows will be shown by weight, divided into three weight classes.
3. Barrows must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds and not exceed a maximum of 270 pounds. Barrows over 270 pounds will be allowed to show in their respective breed class in the Junior Round-Up Market Hog Show.
4. Barrows can only show in one class. Barrows cannot show in the barrow division and the breed classes.
5. Each exhibitor is allowed to show a maximum of two pigs at the Junior Roundup regardless if they make entries in the Market Hog Show or the MS Bred Barrow Show or both.
6. The Overall Champion barrow will be the MS Bred pig placed in the Sale of Champions as approved by the Sale of Champions, sales committee.
7. MS Bred premiums will be paid on the top five placing barrows in each class, the overall champion and overall reserve champion barrow or as determined by the MS Pork Producers Association.
8. Premiums from the Fair Commission will be paid on the barrow division the same as the breed classes.
9. MS Bred premiums will still be paid on MS Bred tagged pigs in the breed classes, breed champion, breed reserve champion, overall champion and overall reserve champion. Each of these MS Bred pigs will still be eligible for the sale of champions but only if they qualify from their placing in the regular show.
10. The Barrow division will show first on the day of the show and will not be part of the normal rotation of the breed class show order.
11. Entries for the Mississippi Bred Barrow Show at the Dixie National Junior Round-Up must have qualified at their respective district show.
12. The MS Bred premiums are funded with Producer checkoff funds. The MS Pork Producers Association reserves the right to cancel the premiums or adjust the amount of premiums pending the availability of checkoff funding.
13. Barrows entered in the barrow division at the Junior Roundup are subject to all rules and regulations of the Dixie National Junior Roundup Show.

### **SWINE SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Exhibitor in showmanship classes must show his/her own animal and the animal must be entered in the Show.
2. The age of the exhibitor entering showmanship classes will be determined by his/her age as of December 31.
3. Showmanship entries must be pre-registered. Entries must be completed by Extension Agent/Vo-Ag Advisor for exhibitors under their direct supervision.

Age on December 31.

#### **State Fair**

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|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Ages 8-9 | 2. Ages 10-11 | 3. Ages 12-13 | 4. Ages 14-15 | 5. Ages 16-18 |
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#### **Dixie National Junior Round-Up**

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| 1. Age 8  | 4. Age 11 | 7. Age 14 | 10. Ages 17-18 |
| 2. Age 9  | 5. Age 12 | 8. Age 15 |                |
| 3. Age 10 | 6. Age 13 | 9. Age 16 |                |

## MISSISSIPPI BRED SWINE CONTEST

The Mississippi Pork Producers Association sponsors a MS Bred Swine Contest to encourage youth exhibiting pigs to purchase show pigs from local producers.

1. Only swine producers residing in Mississippi can participate in this program and this program is open to all producers in Mississippi. Only the person who produced the pig can order MS Bred tags and nominate those pigs as MS Bred. Each Producer is responsible for ordering his/her tags, tagging the pigs, and certifying the tagged pigs by sending the signed nomination form to MPPA. All Mississippi Bred pigs must be tagged with an official MPPA tag before leaving the farm and no later than the show deadline date established by MPPA.
2. A MS Bred pig must be conceived, farrowed and raised in Mississippi in order to be nominated. This means the sow or gilt must be bred in Mississippi, have the pigs in Mississippi and the pigs raised in Mississippi to be eligible for the MS Bred contest.
3. Failure to properly nominate pigs sold as Mississippi Bred, or nomination of ineligible pigs, or the misuse of Mississippi Bred tags will subject the Swine Producer to penalties set forth by MPPA.
4. The MPPA and Mississippi Bred Swine Awards committee reserves the right to interpret, amend and carry out the rules and regulations governing the Mississippi Bred Swine Awards sponsored by the Mississippi Pork Producers Association.

### JUDGING

1. All pigs entered in the MS Bred Swine Shows will be judged within their respective classes during the regular class judging.
2. Only those pigs that are certified as MS Bred and recognized by MPPA are eligible to compete and receive MS Bred premiums. All MS Bred pigs must have the MS Bred Tag in their ear at the time of showing. If the tag has been lost, you must notify the show management before the pig enters the show.
3. A MS Bred Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected for the barrow division of the Dixie National Junior Round-Up.
4. The Champion MS Bred Barrow will be the MS Bred Pig in the Dixie National Sale of Champions.
5. A MS Bred Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected for each breed or weight division after selection has been made for the regular show breed or weight division champion and reserve. The MS Bred breed or weight division Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from only the first place pigs of the respective classes.
6. After the regular show Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion have been selected, the MS Bred Grand Champion will be selected from the MS Bred breed or weight division champion animals... the MS Bred Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the remaining MS Bred breed or weight division champion animals and the MS Bred breed or weight division reserve champion animal from the class the MS Bred Grand Champion was selected.
7. Neither the Grand Champion MS Bred nor the Reserve Grand Champion MS Bred pig from the breed divisions will be eligible for the Dixie National Sale of Champions unless it has qualified for the sale in the regular show.

## MARKET LAMB DIVISION MARKET LAMB SHOW

1. Pen assignments will be made by show management. **Reserving pens will not be allowed!** Check with penning superintendent upon arrival for pen assignments. (Pen assignments will also be posted.)
2. The minimum weight is 70 pounds; no maximum weight.
3. Market lambs will be weighed (no reweighs).
4. The first and second place animals in each class of market lambs will be required to weigh back as soon as possible after their respective class. The animal must weigh within 5% of the overage or it will be disqualified. If either or both of the first or second place animals are disqualified, weighing through the order of the class will continue until an official first and second are determined. Show Management will designate an individual to accompany each animal and exhibitor to the scales for weigh back.
5. Any market lamb (ewe or wether) grading in the blue ribbon group at district show is eligible to be shown at the Junior Round-Up.
6. All livestock must remain in their assigned pens except animals that are being washed, groomed, shown, or exercised. Animals taken to be exercised must remain in their assigned barn or in their respective show arena. After entering the show grounds, at no time will animals be allowed in a trailer except for loading to leave.
7. Each exhibitor shall clip, groom, and dress his/her own animal throughout ownership period and while at the State Fair, Dixie National Junior Livestock Show and any District Junior Livestock Show ("shows"). 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 teacher, 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 un-ethical 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.

8. Individual exhibitors at the State Fair are limited to two entries in per class. Individual exhibitors at the Junior Round-Up Show may exhibit and earn state appropriated monies on only two (2) market lambs.
9. Lambs shown at the Junior Round-Up may be sold on bid basis. These lambs will be checked into the sale pen immediately after the sheep show. Agents are responsible for seeing that their lambs are processed for selling. Declaration to sell forms must be completed and submitted by December 11th. There will be a 50¢/head deducted from each lamb, plus trucking costs. Lambs that are sick, weak, crippled, etc. will not be accepted in the sale.

### MISSISSIPPI BRED LAMB PROGRAM

1. The rules and regulations governing the State Fair and the Dixie National Junior Roundup as published in the show catalog for the show will apply.
2. The MSPA and the Mississippi Bred Lamb Show committee reserves the right to interpret, amend and carry out the rules and regulations governing the Mississippi Bred Lamb Show sponsored by the MSPA.
3. The Mississippi Bred Lamb Show committee will serve as the show protest committee to handle any protest formally filed with the Livestock Show manager at the State Fair and the Dixie National concerning the Mississippi Bred Lamb Show. At least three members of the committee must be presented to rule on a protest.
4. A Mississippi Bred Lamb must be conceived, lambled, and raised in Mississippi.

### JUDGING

1. All lambs entered in the Mississippi Bred Lamb show will be judged within their respective classes during the regular class judging.
2. Only those lambs that are certified as MS Bred and recognized by MSPA are eligible to compete and receive MS Bred awards or premiums. **All MS Bred lambs must have the MS Bred tag in their ear at the time of showing.** If the tag has been lost, you must notify the Mississippi Bred Lamb committee before the lamb enters the show. Replacement tag cost is \$1.00 per tag. Any lost tags must be replaced on weigh day.
3. After the regular show Breed Champion and Reserve have been selected, the Mississippi Bred Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected. All Mississippi Bred Champions and Reserves will compete for the Mississippi Bred Grand and Reserve Grand Champion after the regular show champions have been selected.
4. The overall champion Mississippi bred lamb (1 lamb) will be eligible for the Sale of Champions. If the overall champion Mississippi bred is already in the sale, the overall reserve champion will be eligible for the sale. If both the overall champion and overall reserve champion are already in the sale, then no additional state bred animals will be eligible for the sale.

### LAMB SHOWMANSHIP

1. Exhibitor in showmanship classes must show his/her own animal and animal must be entered in the Show.
2. The age of the exhibitor entering showmanship classes will be determined by his/her age as of December 31.
3. Showmanship entries must be pre-registered. Entries must be completed by Extension Agent/Vo -Ag Advisor for exhibitors under their direct supervision.
4. The primary purpose of showmanship is to present your lamb to the judge in such a position that will make the lamb look and handle it's very best. This should be done in an easy manner without exciting your lamb or disturbing the lambs and the exhibitors next to you.

Age on December 31

- |           |           |           |               |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| 1. Age 8  | 4. Age 11 | 7. Age 14 | 10. Age 17-18 |
| 2. Age 9  | 5. Age 12 | 8. Age 15 |               |
| 3. Age 10 | 6. Age 13 | 9. Age 16 |               |



## **JUNIOR SHEEP LEAD CLASS**

The objectives of the junior sheep lead class are to present a class of sheep in the most attractive manner, to give spectators an opportunity to view a class of beauty, to improve the image of sheep shows, and to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of the sheep industry in Mississippi..

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. This Class is open to any junior exhibitor (8-18), boy or girl who has a lamb entered in the junior market lamb show at the 2006 Dixie National Junior Round-Up. Contestants must show his or her own lamb in this class.
2. There will be four classes – Juniors (8-9), Juniors (10-11), Juniors (12-13), and Seniors (14-18). Age as of December 31, 2006.
3. Contestants must lead a lamb, which has been conditioned, fitted, and trained to show at halter.
4. Decorations may or may not be used on lambs.
5. Contestants must wear a garment made of wool or wool blend. Garment does not have to be constructed by contestant.
6. Former class winners cannot wear the garment which they used to win a previous state Lead Class.
7. The three judge system will be used to arrive at official placing.
8. The following scoring standard will be used when judging the class:
 

(1) contestant's garment.....	33 1/3 percent
(2) poise and appearance.....	33 1/3 percent
(3) control and presentation of animal.....	33 1/3 percent

## **DAIRY CATTLE DIVISION PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE SHOW**

1. The purebred show is open to junior exhibitors showing either Ayrshire, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey or Brown Swiss.
2. All animals competing must have previously shown at one of the District Shows and placed in the blue ribbon group. Exhibitors are limited to six (6) animals each. (Purebred and commercial heifers combined).
3. Animals must meet health requirements as set up in general regulations.
4. No exhibitor may show more than two entries in a regular class.
5. Each purebred animal must be accompanied by actual registration certificate showing ownership by junior exhibitor. Such certificate must be presented to entry clerk for checking and positive identification.
6. Judging will be on a classification basis with all blue ribbon animals in each class being placed numerically but receiving the same money as other blue ribbon winners in their class, except the first place blue ribbon winner in classes of 5 or more. They will receive \$5 additional premium.
7. No championship will be awarded unless there is competition from other classes. Only blue ribbon animals are eligible for championship. Separate breed champions will be selected.
8. All cattle must be tied in assigned area in the barn from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except cattle that are being groomed, washed, exercised or shown. No cattle are to be tied in alleyways, walkways or show arena. Animals taken to be exercised must remain in their assigned barn or in their respective show arena. After entering the show grounds, at no time will animals be allowed in a trailer except for loading to leave.
9. Exhibitors may use fans on racks above the cattle provided the fans are firmly affixed to the rack. These fans may be mounted to blow toward the front, side, or rear of the animal. The fans must be mounted high enough for the animal to pass freely under the fan(s) without contacting the bottom of the fan(s) in order to prevent a hazard to persons or animals. Persons using fans assume all responsibility.
10. Each exhibitor shall clip, groom, and dress his/her own animal throughout ownership period and while at the State Fair, Dixie National Junior Livestock Show and any District Junior Livestock Show ("shows"). 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 teacher, 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 un-ethical 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.

11. Abide by general rules and regulations.
12. Exhibitors will be required to furnish feed and hay. No bedding will be used.
13. Exhibitors are encouraged to wear neat, appropriate uniforms while showing animals in arena. White or 4-H and FFA uniforms are preferred.

### **COMMERCIAL DAIRY HEIFER SHOW**

1. Heifers must be identified with a clearly visible ear tag.
2. No more than six (6) head can be entered by an exhibitor. (Purebred and Commercial heifers combined). Exhibitor may show only two (2) animals per weight division.
3. Heifers shall meet the following requirements to be eligible:
  - a. Commercial dairy heifers are dairy cattle offspring of mixed dairy or purebred dairy cattle parents that are not registered by a recognized breed association. No registered animals will be allowed to show in this show.
  - b. Heifers weighing less than 200 lbs. at the time of weigh-in at the show will be disqualified and considered under conditioned for their age. No commercial dairy heifer that has calved will be eligible to show.
  - c. All heifers must be dehorned. Heifers not dehorned will be disqualified.
4. Heifers will be weighed only once (no reweighs).
5. Commercial dairy heifer exhibitors will show in regular showmanship classes against exhibitors showing registered dairy animals.
6. Heifers shown in the Commercial Dairy Heifer Show are not eligible to be shown in any other division at the Mississippi Junior Round-Up.
7. Registered heifers are not eligible for the Commercial Dairy Heifer Show.
8. All cattle must be tied in assigned area in the barn from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except cattle that are being groomed, washed, exercised or shown. No cattle are to be tied in alleyways, walkways or show arena. Animals taken to be exercised must remain in their assigned barn or in their respective show arena. After entering the show grounds, at no time will animals be allowed in a trailer except for loading to leave.
9. Exhibitors may use fans on racks above the cattle provided the fans are firmly affixed to the rack. These fans may be mounted to blow toward the front, side, or rear of the animal. The fans must be mounted high enough for the animal to pass freely under the fan(s) without contacting the bottom of the fan(s) in order to prevent a hazard to persons or animals. Persons using fans assume all responsibility.
10. Each exhibitor shall clip, groom, and dress his/her own animal throughout ownership period and while at the State Fair, Dixie National Junior Livestock Show and any District Junior Livestock Show ("shows"). 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 teacher, 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 un-ethical 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.
11. Abide by general rules and regulations.
12. Exhibitors will be required to furnish feed and hay. No bedding will be used.
13. Exhibitors are encouraged to wear neat, appropriate uniforms while showing animals in arena. White or 4-H and FFA uniforms are preferred.

### **DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP**

(Exhibitors of purebred animals and commercial dairy heifers  
will show in the same showmanship competition.)

1. Exhibitor in showmanship classes must show his/her own animal and animal must be entered in the Show.
2. The age of the exhibitor entering showmanship classes will be determined by his/her age as of

December 31.

3. Showmanship entries must be pre-registered. Entries must be completed by Extension Agent/Vo -Ag Advisor for exhibitors under their direct supervision.
4. Exhibitor will be judged on his/her skills in displaying his/her animal to the best advantage while in the arena, as well as on his/her neatness and attitude.

Class (Age as December 31):

1. Showmanship, 8-9 years of age
2. Showmanship, 10-11 years of age
3. Showmanship, 12-13 years of age
4. Showmanship, 14-15 years of age
5. Showmanship, \*\*16-18 years of age

## MARKET GOAT DIVISION

### Market Goat Show

1. Pen assignments will be made by show management. **Reserving pens will not be allowed!** Check with penning superintendent upon arrival for pen assignments. Pen assignments will also be posted.
2. For the State Fair, the minimum weight is 40 pounds with no maximum weight. For the Dixie national Junior Round-Up the minimum weight is 60 pounds and the maximum weight is 110 pounds.
3. Market goats will be weighed (no reweighs).
4. Goats showing at State Fair, District and Round-Up shows must have been nominated and ear tagged. Nomination forms must be sent to Extension Animal & Dairy Science office. Nomination forms must be submitted by Extension Agent or Vo -Ag Advisor verifying all goats under their supervision.
5. Goats may be shown that are polled, dehorned, or disbudded with no regrowth to exceed 1½” above the skin line. Removal of horns is not allowed on the show grounds.
6. The first and second place animals in each class of market goats will be required to weigh back as soon as possible after their respective class. The animal must weigh within 5% of the overage or it will be disqualified. If either or both of the first or second place animals are disqualified, weighing through the order of the class will continue until an official first and second are determined. Show Management will designate an individual to accompany each animal and exhibitor to the scales for weigh back.
7. Goats may be shown with hair or clipped.
8. It is preferred for exhibitors to use halters, lead chains, or collars in the show ring.
9. Abide by general rules and regulations.
10. All livestock must remain in their assigned pens except animals that are being washed, groomed, shown, or exercised. Animals taken to be exercised must remain in their assigned barn or in their respective show arena. After entering the show grounds, at no time will animals be allowed in a trailer except for loading to leave.
11. Each exhibitor shall clip, groom, and dress his/her own animal throughout ownership period and while at the State Fair, Dixie National Junior Livestock Show and any District Junior Livestock Show (“shows”). 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 teacher, 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 un-ethical 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.
12. Any market goat (wether or doe) grading in the blue ribbon group at district show is eligible to be shown at Round-Up.
13. Individual exhibitors at the State Fair are limited to two entries in per class. Individual exhibitors at the Junior Round-Up Show may exhibit and earn state appropriated monies on only two (2) market goats.
14. Market goat classes will be set up in four divisions as near equal in number as possible. (Lightweight, Mediumweight, Light Heavyweight and Heavyweight) Each division will be divided into three classes as near equal in number as possible. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each of the four divisions and the overall Grand and Reserve Grand will be selected from the division champions.

15. Goats showing at the Junior Round-Up may be sold on bid basis. These goats will be checked into the sale pen immediately after the goat show. Agents are responsible for seeing that their goats are processed for selling. Declaration to sell forms must be completed and submitted by December 11th. There will be a 50¢/head deducted from each goat, plus trucking costs. Goats that are sick, weak, crippled, etc. will not be accepted in the sale.

## MISSISSIPPI BRED GOAT PROGRAM

1. The rules and regulations governing the State Fair and the Dixie National Junior Roundup as published in this rule book and show catalogs for the show will apply.
2. Mississippi Bred Market Goats must be conceived, born, and raised in Mississippi.
3. All goats entered in the MS Bred Goat Show will be judged within their respective classes during the regular class judging.
4. Only those goats that are certified as MS Bred and recognized by MCGA are eligible to compete and receive MS Bred awards or premiums. **All MS Bred goats must have the MS Bred tag in their ear at the time of showing.** If the tag has been lost, you must notify the Mississippi Bred Market Goat committee before the goat enters the show. Replacement tag cost is \$1.00 per tag. Any lost tags must be replaced on weigh day.
5. After the regular show Champions and Reserve Champions have been selected, the Mississippi Bred Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected. All Mississippi Bred Breed Champions and Reserves will compete for the Mississippi Bred Grand and Reserve Grand Champion after the regular show champions have been selected.
6. The Mississippi Club Goat Association and the Mississippi Bred Market Goat Show committee reserves the right to interpret, amend and carry out the rules and regulations governing the Mississippi Bred Market Goat Show sponsored by the Mississippi Club Goat Association.
7. The Mississippi Bred Market Goat Show committee will serve as the show protest committee to handle any protest formally filed with the Livestock Show manager at the State Fair and the Dixie National Junior Round-Up concerning the Mississippi Bred Market Goat Show. At least three members of the committee must be presented to rule on a protest.

## MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

1. Exhibitor in showmanship classes must show his/her own animal and animal must be entered in the Show.
2. The age of the exhibitor entering showmanship classes will be determined by his/her age as of December 31.
3. Showmanship entries must be pre-registered. Extension Agent/Vo -Ag Advisor must complete entries for exhibitors under their direct supervision.

Age as of December 31

1. Age 8-9
2. Age 10-11
3. Age 12-13
4. Age 14-15
5. Age 16-18

## DAIRY GOAT DIVISION

1. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** An official Veterinary Health Certificate must accompany each Dairy Goat.
2. In addition to the State Health Requirements found in the front part of this premium list goats will be examined by Fair personnel, committee or veterinarian for signs of infectious/contagious diseases - including but not limited to - sore mouth, pink eye, ringworm, and any evidence of abscesses - including enlarged lymph nodes or evidence of incised lymph nodes. Any of the above will be grounds for dismissal of the animal from the fairgrounds. Herdmates are also subject to dismissal. The decision to dismiss any animal will be made by the Fair veterinarian, committee and personnel. **PLEASE LEAVE ANY QUESTIONABLE ANIMAL AT HOME.**
3. All purebred dairy goats exhibited must be registered with American Dairy Goat Association, American Goat Society, or the Canadian Goat Society. The original registration or recording certificate for all purebred animals of all ages is required.
4. All exhibitors showing animals in individual classes in the ring should wear white show uniforms.
5. Only animals entered in the show will be allowed to be penned in the barn.
6. **BUCKS:** Bucks over 3 months old will not be permitted in the barn.
7. **NO MILK OUT-** However, over distended udders will be discriminated against.

8. Exhibitors must show own animal in the showmanship classes and animal must be entered in the show except in under age showmanship.
9. All registered animals must be accompanied by original registration certificate showing the junior exhibitor owns that animal.
10. Any doe 24 months of age or over that has never freshened shall not be shown.

## **JUNIOR DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

Class (Age as of December 31)

1. Age 8-9
  2. Age 10-11
  3. Age 12-13
  4. Age 14-15
  5. Age 16-18
1. Exhibitor in showmanship classes must show his/her own animal and animal must be entered in the Show.
  2. The age of the exhibitor entering showmanship classes will be determined by his/her age as of December 31.
  3. Showmanship entries must be pre-registered. Extension Agent/Vo -Ag Advisor must complete entries for exhibitors under their direct supervision.

## **JUNIOR DOE SHOW**

Does under 24 months that have never freshened.

## **SENIOR DOE SHOW**

Does less than 24 months that have ever freshened and aged does that have ever freshened or any does that are in milk will show in the senior doe show.

## **Dixie National Junior Round-Up PREMIER EXHIBITOR PROGRAM**

**Written Exam, Skill-a-thon, and Interview Phases  
Swine & Dairy  
Beef, Goat, & Lamb**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Competition in this program is for senior level exhibitors only (14-18 years of age).
2. The Premier Exhibitor Program is optional for exhibitors.
3. The program is available for beef, dairy, lamb, swine, and goat exhibitors.
4. An exhibitor must qualify an animal for the Dixie National Junior Round-Up and exhibit that animal at the Junior Round-Up in order to be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor Program.
5. Exhibitors may enter in more than one species. However, a resume will be required for each species. Resume should reflect project work for only the past three years and be species specific.
6. Exhibitors will receive points on only one animal per species. The animal exhibited in showmanship must be the same animal nominated on the entry form.
7. An exhibitor may win in only one species per year.
8. An exhibitor may win in each species only once.
9. The guidelines for placing will be as follows:

	<u>%</u>	<u>Points</u>
Resume (Entry Form)	5	50
Written Exam	20	200
Showmanship	20	200
Animal Quality	10	100
Skill-a-thon	30	300
Interview	<u>15</u>	<u>150</u>
	100%	1000 points

10. In showmanship, exhibitors will receive points for entering the class and for their ranking in the showmanship class.

11. The animal nominated by the exhibitor will receive points on its ranking in its individual class.
12. The skill-a-thon phase will consist of different stations relating to the species that they are exhibiting. This will allow exhibitors to demonstrate their knowledge of the species that they are showing.
13. The Dixie National Sale of Junior Champions Promotion Committee will present an academic scholarship to the Premier Exhibitor in each species (beef, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, and goat). These scholarships must be utilized in the state of Mississippi. Utilization of the scholarship must begin within 4 years of the award.

## **Dixie National Junior Round-Up BEEF GROOMING CONTEST**

### **Individual Competition**

### **Team Competition**

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Contest is open to any beef breeding, commercial heifer, or steer exhibitor (age 8-18).
2. Individual Competition (4-H or FFA member)
  - Division I, Non-Brahman influence and (all Traditional Groomed Steers regardless of breed) - Juniors (Ages 8-13)
  - Division II, Brahman influence and (all Slick Sheared Steers regardless of breed) - Juniors (Ages 8-13)
  - Division III, Non-Brahman influence and (all Traditional Groomed Steers regardless of breed) - Seniors (Ages 14-18)
  - Division IV, Brahman influence and (all Slick Sheared Steers regardless of breed) - Seniors (Ages 14-18)
3. Teams (3 members per team) may consist of 4-H, FFA, or 4-H/FFA members.
  - Division I, Non-Brahman influence and (all Traditional Groomed Steers regardless of breed) - Juniors (Ages 8-13)
  - Division II, Brahman influence and (all Slick Sheared Steers regardless of breed) - Juniors (Ages 8-13)
  - Division III, Non-Brahman influence and (all Traditional Groomed Steers regardless of breed) - Seniors (Ages 14-18)
  - Division IV, Brahman influence and (all Slick Sheared Steers regardless of breed) - Seniors (Ages 14-18)
4. Members on a team must be from the same county.
5. Contestants must not wear any signage or clothing that identifies the county that contestant is from.
6. Contestants must begin with a clean, and undressed animal. A designated official will wet all animals down prior to entering the contest.
7. Animal must be owned and entered in the Mississippi Junior Round-Up by the individual or one of the team members.
8. Contestants may not receive help or advice from anyone during the contest. They cannot have any communication with anyone, except the judges or their team members during the contest. Contestants may not leave their designated area after the contest starts.
9. The animal used in the contest must be in a grooming chute during the contest. This is for safety purposes. No exceptions.
10. Contestants may use any legal grooming aid and/or equipment, including but not limited to blowers (only one blower per individual or per team), clippers, brushes, combs, adhesives, foams, etc.
11. Judges may question contestants regarding their knowledge, abilities, equipment, procedures, etc.
12. Contestants will have a maximum of 30 minutes.
13. After the allotted time, one team member or the individual will present his/her groomed animal for the judges' inspection and the audience's viewing.
14. Awards will be presented to the first, second, and third place individual and teams in each division.
15. Abide by general rules and regulations.

## **Dixie National Junior Round-Up ULTRASOUND STEER EVALUATION CONTEST**

#### **General Rules and Regulations**

The ultrasound steer evaluation contest is a unique educational opportunity designed to provide participants with carcass performance information on the live animal. Real-Time carcass ultrasound offers a non-invasive method for estimating economically important carcass traits in the live animal. This technology tool is currently being utilized in the beef industry, to make selection decisions for seedstock, to develop ultrasound-based carcass EPDs, and to sort cattle in the feedlot into more uniform groups for optimum carcass performance.

1. Participation is on a voluntary basis. Only market steers weighing a minimum of 1000 pounds are eligible to compete. All steers will compete in a single class regardless of weight or breed classification. However, all steer competing in the Ultrasound Steer Evaluation Contest must also be entered and shown in the Market Steer Show.
2. Ultrasound measurements and weights will be taken immediately following the steer's class in the show. The procedure to obtain measurements will use any necessary oil or lubricant

needed. A minimal amount of hair (at least 2 blade widths from the 10th to the 13th rib) will be clipped on the left side of the steer during the measurement process. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to remove any residue from the hair after processing, as desired.

3. Measurements will be taken to determine Ribeye Area, Backfat, and intramuscular fat. These measurements will then be used to determine quality grade and yield grade on each animal. Placing is based upon a formula used within the industry, which calculates percent retail cuts. Only steers grading low choice or higher and yield grade 3 or less will be eligible for premiums or awards.
4. Entries will be accepted till the steers are weighed and classified for the show. No entries will be accepted after this time.

### **Dixie National Junior Round-Up SENIOR 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST**

1. Only senior age 4-H'ers (14-18 years of age as of December 31) are eligible to participate.
2. Contestants must be a member of 4-H in Mississippi.
3. The contest will consist of cow and heifer classes of jerseys, Holsteins and other breeds depending on availability of suitable classes.
4. Contestants will give oral reasons on all the cow classes.