**UPDATE ON FAIRS**

- Plans move forward to have Junior only shows at NC State Fair; many things are under consideration in regards to ways to hold these shows in the Covid-19 era.
- There will be pens set up for swine, sheep, and goats for those who cannot show off the trailer.
- Those that use pens will be asked to remove bedding and clean their pen out before leaving.
- Lamb and Goat exhibitors will be allowed to show off the trailer as we will need to plan to space exhibitors out and reduce numbers in buildings as much as possible – plan accordingly to provide your power.
- There may need for some beef cattle exhibitors to work off trailer or tie outs depending on space available as many challenges with social distancing are being looked at.
- Exhibitors will be allowed to leave at conclusion of shows each day if they have finished showing.
- Many items such as premiums, awards and other prizes that may be offered are yet to be determined and will depend heavily upon financial support raised.
- There will not be a Sale of Champions or Truckload support auction this year as we focus on the ability to be able to offer the shows.
- At this time there is no guarantee if we will have sale opportunities for the market animals, updates will be sent out as they develop.

**Important Dates**

- **July 17** – Nomination deadline for market Lambs, market goats, market barrows, jr. breeding gilts
- **Aug. 1** – entries should open for NC State Fair Jr Livestock Shows
- **Aug. 15** – Deadline for validating market lambs, market goats, and market barrows
- **Sept. 15** – entry deadline
Thursday – October 15
12 noon–3 pm: Market Steer\Feeder Calf – check-in
1 pm–5 pm: Beef Heifer– check in
8 am–5 pm: Market Barrow and Breeding Gilt – check-in
Swine in Kelley building, Cattle in Graham

Friday – October 16
8 am – Market Barrow Show
9 am – Market Steer Show
1 pm – Beef Heifer Show
2 pm – Feeder Calf Show
3 pm – Jr. Gilt Show

Saturday – October 17
9 am – Swine Showmanship
9 am – Beef Heifer Show continues

Beef Showmanship 30 minutes after conclusion on Heifer Show
All released at conclusion of the show

Sunday – October 18
Meat Goats arrival (those with sheep can bring sheep as well)
9 am – 12pm – Check in Jr. Market Goats & Jr. Commercial Does
4 pm – Goat Showmanship

Monday – October 19
8 am – 12 pm – Check-in market lambs and ewes
9 am – Jr. Market Goat Show
2 pm – Jr. Commercial Doe Show
4 pm – Sheep Showmanship
Goats released at conclusion of show

Tuesday – October 20
9 am – Market Lamb Show
1 pm – Jr. Ewe Show
Sheep released at conclusion of show
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Check out the NC State Fair Livestock Facebook page! Liking this page will enable you to stay up to date on market animal check-ins, current requirements, and activities associated with exhibiting livestock at the NC State Fair.
Those N.C. State Fair exhibitors planning on showing Jr. Market Barrows, Jr. Market Lambs and Jr. Market Goats will need to complete the new Online Nomination form by July 17th.

Please nominate the number of each Jr. Market Lambs/Goats that you anticipate validating/tagging in at a tag in location, or Jr. Market Barrows that will need to be tagged in. Having this information will allow officials to line up visits for tagging and validating Market Barrows more efficiently and to have a better idea of the number of animals to expect at lamb/goat sites. Exhibitors tagging Jr. Market Lambs/Goats AS WELL AS Barrows will be validated at the same time on-farm. ALL JR. MARKET BARROWS NEED TO BE VALIDATED AND TAGGED BY AUGUST 15.

Exhibitors with only Jr. Market Lambs and/or Goats will need to attend one of the validation/tag in stations on or before Aug 15. Completing a nomination form does not enter your animal into the State Fair. Online entry should open August 1. Entries close September 15. The nomination form can be found at: https://tinyurl.com/yajnylz

REMINDERS!! All lambs and goats must have a Scrapies Tag in place for the tag-in.

DATES FOR VALIDATION SITES – UPDATE
July 29, 4 - 8 PM WNC Ag Center, Fletcher
July 31, 9 AM-Noon McDowell County Livestock Center (this is ONLY for those exhibiting at the McDowell Show; non-exhibitors may not attend)
Aug 1, 9 AM - 2 PM Guilford County Ag Center, Greensboro
Aug 11, 4 PM - 6 PM Ellerbe
Aug 12, 4 PM - 8 PM Albemarle Area Show Arena, Elizabeth City
Aug 14, 5 PM - 9 PM Johnston County Livestock Arena, Smithfield
Aug 15, 9 AM-Noon Johnston County Livestock Arena, Smithfield

Entries Accepted August 1 Through September 15
Exhibitors for the N.C. State Fair should be able to fill out their entries online at www.ncstatefair.org starting August 1. Paper entry forms will also be accepted starting August 1. The last day to enter is September 15.

PERFORMANCE MARKET STEER CHANGES
This year all steers will be weighed when validated for the State Fair. The Performance Market Steer and Carcass Steer shows will be combined, and it will be an optional show. The weight at validation will be the start weight for the Performance Steer Contest. There will be an online Performance Steer Record that each exhibitor wishing to participate must fill out and submit online prior to the State Fair Market steer check-in. Final weight will be added the record after check-in. Only those steers participating in the Performance Steer Contest will be carcass ultra-sounded during check-in. The Performance Steer Record may be accessed at: https://bit.ly/34ZCeLD