Spring 2021 NC State Fair Livestock Updates

The 2020 NC State Fair Youth Livestock shows were a great success thanks to the generosity of numerous sponsors, donors, and supporters.

Despite efforts to try to recognize those that made the 2020 shows possible, with the vast number that helped, someone has most likely been left off the list despite our best intentions.

Below are many that without their support “the show would not have been able to go on”.

Abbotts Creek Cowboy Church
Agri-Supply
Anston Family
Appalachian Angus
Arcadia Pines Investment, LLC
B&S Enterprises
Benjama Farms
Blinson Family
Brooks H. Bailey
Caldwell County Farm Bureau
Cargill Animal Nutrition
Carolina Farm Credit
Carson Family Farms
CASE-IH Agriculture
Caswell County Cattlemen's Association
Champion Show Supply
ChaseCole Livestock
Cleveland County Cattlemen's Association
Copeland Show Pigs
Corrie and Mike Connolly
CowTracks
Crazy Woman Farm
Cuddy Farms, LLC
DP Sales
Dustin Rogers
E.B. Harris
Farm Bureau Federation
Farm Bureau Insurance
Farm Credit Associations of NC
Fred Bass Family
Fred Smith Company
Granville Co. Cattlemen's Association
Gregory Poole Equipment Rental
Governor Hunt
Harden Farm & Stable, Inc.
Harward Brothers Livestock Market
High Country Farms
Horn Livestock
Iron Horse Auction Company, Inc
Jay Smith
Jeff Broadway
John Chandler Trucking
John McInnis Farms
Johnson County Goat Producers
Josh Brown Land & Cattle Company
JS Farm
Lone Hickory Arena
Maple View Farm
McDonald Farms
Mid Atlantic Cattle Sales, LLC
Mitchem’s Farm 3C
Morgan Fertilizer Company
National Pork Board
NC Angus Association
NC Angus Auxiliary
NC Cattlemen's Association
NC Dairy Producers Association
NC Hereford Association
NC Jr Hereford Association
NC Pork Council
NC Simmental Association
NC Jr. Simmental Association
PAC Cattle Company
PAC Family Meats
Parker Show Cattle
Quality Plus Automotive Service, Inc.
Red Mill Landscaping and Nursery, Inc.
Ray Umbarger and Sons, Inc.
Rising Star Farm
RJ Hinnant & Sons Farms
Rocky Creek Vet Service
Rogers Cattle Company
Rogers Realty & Auction Company
Rucker Family Farm
Shade Tree Simmentals
SimAngus Solution
Southland Dairy Farmers
Stallings & Stallings Farm
Stanly County Livestock Market
Sullivan Farms
Sunset Feeds
Surry County Farm Bureau
Talley Farms, Inc.
Terrace Farms
The Barn Loft Western Store
The Dairy Alliance
Thompson Cattle Company
Tractor Supply Company
TX Enterprises
Union County 4-H Foundation
Union County Livestock Market
Virginia Club Calf Producers, LLC
Walter Earle
W & A Hereford Farm
Weston McCorkle
William and Thomas McInnis
Zoetis, Inc.
Friends of the Fair
Many of you have been wondering about the status for the 2021 NC State Fair Livestock Shows. We are planning for 2021, however it will be in a modified format. The Show Schedule will not be back to “normal” or as it looked prior to 2020. With the cancellation of not only the 2020 State Fair, but also many of the other revenue generating events the fairgrounds hosts, the State Fair is not able to financially support the Youth Livestock Shows in 2021. The cost of operating the show, and any awards or premiums now relies solely on entry fees, sponsorships, donations and other fundraising efforts. In order to reduce out of pocket fixed costs, we have worked to utilize existing permanent facilities on the grounds. This has a huge impact in reducing expenses related to rental housing facilities that traditionally have been used. Unfortunately, we realize that this means that species will have to be spread out over the course of the fair, and earlier. A schedule is listed below to aid in how you may plan which species you may decide on showing for your projects this year.

### 2021 Livestock Schedule

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<td>Oct. 9</td>
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<td>Junior Meat Goats arrival and check-in 12pm-4pm</td>
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<td>Turn in weigh cards by 5pm</td>
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<td>Oct. 13</td>
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<td>Oct. 14</td>
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<td>Junior Beef Arrival and check-in 8am-12pm</td>
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<td>Market Steer and Feeder calf weigh cards due by 5pm</td>
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<td>Oct. 16</td>
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<td>Open Breeding Gilt show – after the Jr. show</td>
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<td>Gilt Sale 3pm</td>
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<td>Junior Beef Heifer Breeds continued TBD 9 am</td>
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<td>Junior Beef Showmanship 30 minutes after conclusion of heifer show</td>
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Junior Beef released after show

Oct. 17  Junior Market Barrow Show 8am (release after show)

Oct. 18  Open Beef arrival and check-in 8am-Noon

Oct. 19  Open Beef Show breeds and times TBD (release after show)
         Junior Sheep arrival and check-in 12pm-4pm
         Junior Sheep weigh cards due by 5pm

Oct. 20  Open Beef Show - breeds and times TBD (release after show)
         Junior Sheep Showmanship 8 am
         Junior Market Lamb Show 2pm (release after show)

Oct. 21  Junior Ewe Show 8 am (release after show)

Oct. 22  Junior Wool Sheep arrival and check-in 12pm-4pm
         Sale of Market Champions 6 pm

Oct. 23  Junior Dairy Cattle arrival and check-in 5am-11am
         Junior Wool Sheep Showmanship 8 am
         Junior Wool Sheep Show following showmanship (release after show)
         Youth Dairy Goat arrival and check-in 1pm-5pm
         Junior Dairy Cattle Showmanship TBD
         Special Awards Show – (Tentative Time TBD Oct. 23 or 24)

Oct. 24  Junior Dairy Cattle Show 9am (release after show)
         Youth Dairy Goat Show 9am (release after show)

Please note that this is a working schedule and there may be adjustments. Please watch for future emails and follow us on Facebook.

What else is New for 2021

Entries will be online only

Only those market animals eligible for the Sale of Champions will be sold

Truckload sales will not be offered, please plan to take animals home

Junior Market Lamb will add a Hair Sheep division – this will be for Hair sheep breed wethers. So there will be 3 divisions in 2021 – Crossbred, White-Face Influenced, and Hair Sheep. Youth will be allowed to enter 3 market lambs, so long as no more than 2 are in the same division.

Market Lamb upper weight limit will be 160 pounds
Junior Market Steers entered in the British Breeds Division must be qualified and tagged as Got to Be NC.

**Junior Shows** - in order to assist with the increasing costs of operating the shows, especially with disposal of bedding materials and clean up, the following entry fees will be in place for 2021.

- Junior Cattle - $20/hd
- Junior Sheep, Swine, Goats - $10/hd

**Open shows** – open shows will rely on entry fees to cover the direct costs of the show therefore, ability for the show to be held will be based on the number of entries being enough to cover those costs, this does not provide for premiums. The following are the open shows that have opted to be offered in this format. Bedding is provided at the entry fee listed.

- Open Beef Cattle - $50/hd entry fee
- Open Meat Goats - $40/hd entry fee – enters in Meat Goat 1 and Meat Goat 2
- Open Breeding Gilts - $25/hd entry fee

**Judges retained thus far:**
- Junior Market Steer/Feeder calf – Mark Core
- Junior Beef Heifer – Deb Core and Mark Core

**Showing a steer at the 2021 NC State Fair?**

All steers must be tagged and weighed at one of the locations below.

**2021 Junior Market Steer Validation**

*Please try to send calves to validation sites with as few people as possible, preferably one per farm*

*Please wait at your vehicle until instructed, please maintain social distance guidelines when out of vehicle*

*Complete online nomination prior to going to a validation site preferably no less than 48hrs. ahead of time:*

[https://apps.ncagr.gov/EventRegistration/Pages/Statefair/Livestock/NominationForm.aspx](https://apps.ncagr.gov/EventRegistration/Pages/Statefair/Livestock/NominationForm.aspx)

*Calves that have not been nominated may not be validated. There will be no steer packets this year to print off and bring to tag-in. All information will be on the nomination website linked above.*

*Calves will be processed in order of arrival, so please be patient*
Locations:

April 9th

(will occur same time as steer weigh-in at Spring Fling)

WNC AG Center
1301 Fanning Bridge Rd
Fletcher, NC 28732

April 24th 9am - 2pm

South Stokes High School
1100 S Stokes High Dr
Walnut Cove, NC 27052

May 8th 9am - 2pm

East Carolina Agricultural and Education Center
1175 Kingsboro Rd
Rocky Mount, NC 27801

Completing a nomination form does not enter your animal into the State Fair. Online entry begins August 1. Entries close September 15.

For questions about tag-ins contact Ben Carpenter (919) 270-8917.

For questions about nominations contact Amanda Wachs at (919) 441-1038 or amanda.wachs@ncagr.gov.

**Performance Market Steer**

This year all steers will be weighed when validated for the State Fair. The Performance Market Steer and Carcass Steer shows will again be combined, and again 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://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSfdpj3Mvlwc1m3EqQ2IYscoBKTm221K8mQl_QdAyPxCl0Nm mg/viewform?usp=sf_link [docs.google.com]

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