

# 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”.

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Farm Credit Associations of NC	NC Pork Council	W & A Hereford Farm
Farm Credit Associations of NC	NC Simmental Association	Weston McCorkle
Fred Bass Family	NC Jr. Simmental Association	William and Thomas McInnis
Fred Smith Company	PAC Cattle Company	Zoetis, Inc.
Granville Co. Cattlemen's Association	PAC Family Meats	Friends of the Fair
Gregory Poole Equipment Rental	Parker Show Cattle	

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

- Oct. 9            Open Meat Goats arrival and check-in 12pm-4pm
- Oct. 10           Open Meat Goats 1     9am  
                      Open Meat Goats 2     1pm  
                      Release after show
- Oct. 12           Junior Meat Goats arrival and check-in 12pm-4pm  
                      Turn in weigh cards by 5pm
- Oct. 13           Meat Goat Showmanship 8 am  
                      Junior Market Goat Show 2pm (released after show)
- Oct. 14           Junior Commercial Doe Show 8 am (released after show)  
                      Junior Beef Arrival and check-in 8am-12pm  
                      Market Steer and Feeder calf weigh cards due by 5pm
- Oct. 15           Junior Market Steer Show 9 am  
                      Junior Beef Heifer Breeds TBD 1 pm  
                      Junior Feeder Calf Show 2 pm  
                      Junior Swine and Open Breeding Gilt arrival and check-in 12pm-4pm  
                      Junior swine weigh cards due by 5 pm  
                      Junior Swine Showmanship 6pm
- Oct. 16           Junior Breeding Gilt show 8am  
                      Open Breeding Gilt show – after the Jr. show  
                      Gilt Sale 3pm  
                      Junior Beef Heifer Breeds continued TBD 9 am  
                      Junior Beef Showmanship 30 minutes after conclusion of heifer show

- 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>

\*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 9<sup>th</sup>

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

WNC AG Center

1301 Fanning Bridge Rd

Fletcher, NC 28732

April 24<sup>th</sup> 9am - 2pm

South Stokes High School

1100 S Stokes High Dr

Walnut Cove, NC 27052

May 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/1FAIpQLSfdpj3Mv1wc1m3EqQ2IYscoBKTm221K8mQl\\_QdAyPxCI0Nm/mg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfdpj3Mv1wc1m3EqQ2IYscoBKTm221K8mQl_QdAyPxCI0Nm/mg/viewform?usp=sf_link) [docs.google.com]

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