

# St. Francois County Youth Livestock Show 2024 Rules



## 2024 ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY 4-H & FFA

### 2024 Junior Show Superintendents

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## GENERAL RULES

1. Entries will be accepted from residents of St. Francois County and adjoining counties as follows: Ste. Genevieve, Perry, Madison, Iron, Washington, and Jefferson.
  - a. Active 4-H club members who are enrolled in 4-H projects and whose names are on file at the University of Missouri Extension Center and who were eight (8) years old by January of the current year. 4-H members must have attended a majority of their 4-H club meetings and be in good standing with their club.
  - b. All youth who are active members of FFA in St. Francois County and adjoining counties.
2. All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors must complete the Show-Me Quality Assurance certification to exhibit their animals at the fair in both market and breeding classes. To become certified visit <http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/>
3. All youth livestock entries must be completed and submitted per entry form instructions.
4. No stall or pen rental will be charged for the Junior Show.
5. All livestock exhibitors must have a season pass.
6. All fees should be paid according to the Exhibitor Fees Form.
7. Each exhibit shall be owned by the exhibitor and shall represent work accomplished with 4-H or FFA projects in the current year.
8. Junior exhibitors must show their own animals and in the case of an exhibitor having two animals in one class, the other animal may be shown by another junior exhibitor, who meets the requirements of Rule 1 listed above.
9. All exhibits must be in place by the designated time.
10. Unbroken or unruly animals will be excused from the show. Animals normally docile but rendered unmanageable because of strange surroundings will be accepted or rejected after being evaluated.
11. No unapproved drugs are allowed for use in animals. Ethical practices of showmanship and fitting must also be followed. Anyone violating these rules will come before the Junior Show and Sale Livestock Committee and St. Francois County Fairboard Association.
12. All judging will be on the Danish System, which includes blue, red, and white ribbon groups.
13. Premiums are based on the points earned with each of the ribbons youth receive. The points are indicated in the premium list. In no case shall a point be equal to or more than forty cents for the livestock and dairy exhibits, and twenty-five cents for the home economics, horse show, rabbit, and poultry exhibits.
14. Grievances may be made to the Junior Livestock Committee consisting of FFA Advisors, 4-H Youth Staff members, University Extension Livestock Specialist, Junior Show & Sale Chair, and the Junior Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Cured Meats, and Dairy Superintendents.

**St. Francois County Fair**  
**Sale of Champion Requirements**

1. Exhibitors eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions may sell a maximum of 2 items in the Sale of Champions. One large animal (steer or pig) and one small item (all other qualifying projects) or two small projects (goat, lamb, chickens, rabbits, ham, bacon). If youth exhibit overall grand champion or overall reserve champion projects, all overall grand champion and overall reserve champion projects sell at the sale of champions.
2. Sale order rotates each year except for cured meats, which will sell last each year for safety reasons. Sale order for 2024: Steers, Purple Ribbon Heifer, Rabbits, Hogs, Lambs, Goats, Market Chickens and Fryers, Cured Meats.
3. Senior exhibitors must submit their completed Financial Record Form prior to receiving their auction check.
4. All exhibitor's stalls/pens must be cleaned prior to receiving their fair premiums.

## Market Hogs

1. Youth exhibiting market hogs in the Junior Market Hog class, who are current 4-H or FFA members in St. Francois County, and have completed the SMQA program are eligible to sell hog(s) in the Sale of Champions.
2. Market hog eligibility:
  - a. All hogs for the St. Francois County Junior Market Hog sale must be nominated and identified by ear tag during the current year nomination period.
  - b. An exhibitor will be allowed to identify up to five hogs to feed out. Exhibitors may only weigh in and show two hogs. The tag numbers of the hogs being shown must be identified on the entry form. Exhibitors are responsible for submitting substitution requests by the deadline (see entry form for details).
  - c. The hogs may be purebred or crossbred and a barrow or a gilt.
  - d. Hogs nominated must not exceed 75 lbs at the time of weigh-ins, or they will be disqualified.
  - e. Hogs that do not make the minimum weight (230 pounds) will automatically be moved to a lightweight junior class and show at the end of the market hog classes.
3. Sale of Champions
  - a. Hogs must weigh 230 pounds or more to sell in the market hog sale. They will be weighed only once at the fair unless the hog is within 5 pounds of the goal weight, these hogs may weigh one more time after all hogs are weighed in.
  - b. Hogs in the lightweight junior class are not eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions.
  - c. If a hog participates in the Sale of Champions and weighs over 300 pounds, the animal will be sold to the buyer as a 300 pound hog.
  - d. Exhibitors may show two market hogs in the Junior Market Hog class but sell only one unless they show both the Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion market hog in which case they may sell both.
  - e. Market hogs will be sold in the order of index scores. Carcass index (40%), and live placing (60%) will be used to determine the index score. One extra point will be awarded to the winner of the carcass index. 3 extra points will be awarded to the grand champion (show) winner. One extra point will be awarded to the reserve champion (show) winner.
  - f. Market Hog pens should be cleaned out a minimum of 2 times daily, throughout the length of the fair.
4. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants.

## **Market Lambs**

1. Youth exhibiting market lambs in the Junior Show, who are current members of 4-H or FFA in St. Francois County, and have completed the SMQA program are eligible to sell lamb(s) in the Sale of Champions.
2. Market lamb show eligibility:
  - a. Lambs must be weighed in and identified by ear tag at the St. Francois County Lamb Weigh-In to be eligible to participate in the St. Francois County Junior Market Lamb sale.
  - b. An exhibitor will be allowed to identify up to five lambs to feed out. Exhibitors may only weigh in and show two lambs. The tag numbers of the lambs being shown must be identified on the entry form. Exhibitors are responsible for submitting substitution requests by the deadline (see entry form for details).
  - c. Lambs must be castrated at the time of initial weigh-in.
  - d. The lambs may be purebred or crossbred and a wether or ewe.
  - e. All market lambs must be slick-shorn ten days before the show.
  - f. Sheep that are to be exhibited must be free of clinical signs of an infectious or contagious disease.
  - g. Sheep must be officially individually identified and listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
  - h. Lambs will be weighed only once at the fair unless they are within 2 pounds of the goal weight, these lambs can weigh a second time after all lambs have been weighed.
3. Sale of Champions:
  - a. Lambs must weigh 110 pounds or more to sell in the market lamb sale, with the expectation of hair sheep which must weigh a minimum of 75 pounds.
  - b. Exhibitors may show two lambs in the Junior Market Lamb class but sell only one unless they show both the Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion in which case they may sell both.
  - c. Market lambs will be sold in the order of index scores. Live score (80%) and ADG (20%) will be used to determine the index score.
  - d. The average daily gain winner will receive one extra point toward the overall index score. The grand champion (show) winner will receive 3 extra points, reserve champion (show) winner will receive one extra point.
4. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants.

## Market Goats

1. Youth exhibiting market goats in the St. Francois County Junior Goat class, who are current members of 4-H or FFA in St. Francois County and have completed the SMQA program are eligible to sell goat(s) in the Sale of Champions.
2. Market goat show eligibility:
  - a. Goats must be weighed in and identified by ear tag at the St. Francois County Market Goat Weigh-In to be eligible for the St. Francois County Junior Goat sale.
  - b. Market goats must be born after October 1st of the previous year.
  - c. An exhibitor will be allowed to identify up to five goats to feed out. Exhibitors may only weigh in and show two goats. The tag numbers of the goats being shown must be identified on the entry form. Exhibitors are responsible for submitting substitution requests by the deadline (see entry form for details).
  - d. Goats must be castrated at the time of the initial weigh-in.
  - e. The goats may be purebred or crossbred and a wether or a doe.
  - f. Goats will be weighed only once at the fair unless they are within 2 pounds of the goal weight, these goats can weigh a second time after all goats have been weighed.
3. Sale of Champions:
  - a. Exhibitors may show two goats in the Junior Market Goat class but sell only one unless they show both the Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion in which case they may sell both.
  - b. Market goats will be sold in the order of index scores. Live score (80%) and ADG (20%) will be used to determine the index score.
  - c. The average daily gain winner will receive one extra point toward the overall index score. The grand champion (show) winner will receive 3 extra points, reserve champion (show) winner will receive one extra point.
  - d. Goats must weigh a minimum of 40 pounds to sell in the Sale of Champions..
4. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants.

## **Market Steers**

1. Youth exhibiting steers and heifers in the Junior Steers class and the Purple Ribbon Heifer class, that are current members of 4-H or FFA in St. Francois County, who exhibited at the St. Francois County Prospect Steer & Heifer classes, and who have completed the SMQA program are eligible to sell steer(s) in the Junior Steer Sale.
2. Market steer show eligibility:
  - a. All steers for the St. Francois County Junior Steer Sale must be weighed in and identified by ear tag at the St. Francois County Steer Weigh-In.
  - b. Animals must be born after January 1 of the previous year.
  - c. An exhibitor will be allowed to identify up to five steers to feed out. Exhibitors may only weigh in and show two steers. The tag numbers of the steers being shown must be identified on the entry form. Exhibitors are responsible for submitting substitution requests by the deadline (see entry form for details).
  - d. Steers will be weighed only once at the fair unless they are within 5 pounds of the goal weight, these steers can weigh a second time after all steers have been weighed.
3. Sale of Champions:
  - a. Exhibitors may show two steers in the Junior Steer class, but sell only one unless they show both the Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve champion steer in which case they may sell both.
  - b. Steers will be sold in the order of index scores. Average daily gain (25%), carcass index (25%), and live placing (50%) will be used to determine the index score.
  - c. The Grand Champion Show Animal will receive three additional points in the live show, and the Reserve Champion Show Animal will receive one additional point. The Average Daily Gain winner will receive one additional point. The Carcass winner will also receive one additional point.
  - d. Steers must weigh 1000 pounds or more to sell in the Sale of Champions.
4. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants.



## **Purple Ribbon Heifer**

1. Youth exhibiting in the Purple Ribbon Heifer class at the St. Francois County fair must be current members of 4-H or FFA in St. Francois County and have completed the SMQA program.
2. Heifer eligibility for Purple Ribbon Heifer class:
  - a. Exhibitors must enter heifers in the Purple Ribbon Heifer class at the time entries are due.
  - b. Heifers can be purebred or crossbred and will compete together.
  - c. Heifers must be 24 months or younger at the time of fair, age verification may be requested.
3. Sale of Champions:
  - a. The Purple Ribbon Heifer class does not count towards the two-item limit at the sale of champions
  - b. The Purple Ribbon Heifer will sell after the Reserve Champion Steer (only the ribbon sells).
4. Youth are responsible for the care of their animal(s) until it is released on Sunday.

**Market Chicken**  
**Poultry Superintendent: Amber Wampler**  
**Broiler Project Leader: Amber Wampler**

*The Broiler Project is an opportunity for a 4-H or FFA member to gain valuable experience in raising broiler chicks to full weight, and earning a return for your work by selling your broilers at the St. Francois County Fair Sale of Champions.*

**RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. You must be a 4-H Club member or FFA Chapter member in good standing in St. Francois County Missouri.
3. Exhibitors are limited to enter only ONE meat pen. The poultry must be a broiler type bird. There must be three birds in this pen.
4. All exhibitors must complete the required Show Me Quality Assurance (SMQA) training for their age in order to be eligible to sell their meat pen in the St. Francois County Fair Sale of Champions.
5. Sale of Champions: Exhibitors interested in selling a meat pen of broilers/roasters at the auction **must notify the superintendent at check-in**. All auction animals must be an exhibit at the current fair. Auction sign up will close TBD.
6. All exhibited animals must be free of any visible signs of infection, contagious disease or parasites. Exhibitors may be asked to remove any project animal not in good health. Dismissal will be at the discretion of the superintendent or judge.
7. Pullorum-Typhoid testing is not required for birds less than 4 months old.

**Before Fair**

1. Every year in December at a date and location TBD, The St. Francois County MU Extension Office in coordination with the Broiler Project leader, will host a meeting for interested 4-H and FFA members to join the county wide Broiler Project, also referred to as the St. Francois County Poultry Peeps.
2. A deposit must be paid to the St. Francois County MU Extension Office at a date TBD in December in order to join the Broiler Project.
3. Meetings that will cover topics related to raising, feeding, showing, etc. broiler chickens will commence the following year before the fair. Meetings are not a requirement, but are most certainly encouraged. However, in order for members to sell broilers at the fair, they must attend majority (50% + 1) of meetings or events hosted by the 4-H Club they are affiliated with.
4. Each member who has joined the Broiler Project will receive 6 Cornish Cross chicks at a date and location TBD in April/May. Members may request to purchase more chicks in advance.
5. Exhibitors are not required to join the Boiler Project/St. Francois Country Poultry Peeps in order to show or sell at the fair.
6. **Refer to the Poultry Rules for the St. Francois County Fair to be informed of the requirements of showing poultry at the fair.**

7. The dates, times, and locations of meetings will be posted on social media by the St. Francois County MU Extension Office and by 4-H Club leaders. Information will be disseminated as best as possible. Check social media platforms or contact the Broiler Project Leader, the St. Francois County MU Extension Office, or your 4-H Club leaders for updates.

### **Fair Check-In**

1. All birds will be weighed and examined for parasites and disease at fair check-in. Exhibitors may be asked to remove any animal not in good health. Dismissal will be at the discretion of the superintendent or judge.
2. Birds will be leg banded if they do not already have a band for identification. No birds can be caged in the Poultry/Rabbit barn until your birds have been through this process.
3. Broilers may be between 6-8 weeks of age and weigh between 3 ½ to 5 ½ pounds each at weigh in.
4. Roasters may be between 6-10 weeks of age and weigh between 5 ½ to 10 pounds each at weigh in. **(Bring four birds to be weighed just in case)**
5. **Exhibitor will not be eligible to sell in the St. Francois County Sale of Champions if their birds do not meet the weight requirements.**

### **Fair Show Day**

1. Participants will exhibit only three of their best live broilers or roasters.
2. Exhibitor must exhibit their own poultry, but may be assisted by a family member or other 4-H/FFA member if necessary.
3. Broilers and roasters will be judged on the following criteria:
  - a. Cleanliness
  - b. Meatiness of breast, thigh and drumstick
  - c. Conformation/body structure (as close as possible to the ideal rectangular shape)
  - d. General health and freedom from defects
  - e. Uniformity of the 3 birds
4. Birds must be deserving of a blue ribbon to be eligible to receive a ribbon, this can be up to the judge's or superintendent's decision.

### **After The Sale of Champions**

1. Broilers are released from the fairgrounds after the St. Francois County Fair Sale of Champions.
2. The 4-H or FFA member is responsible for processing the birds. It can be done professionally or by the member, but must be discussed with the buyer and delivered in a timely manner or as directed by the buyer. If this is not done, the exhibitor must reimburse the buyer the amount the buyer paid for the birds.
3. **Ensure the birds that were sold at the fair are the exact birds being delivered to the buyer.** Leg bands will be placed on the birds during weigh-in if the birds do not already have a band.

**Rabbit Rules**  
**Superintendent – Amber Wampler**

**RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. Rabbits will be judged following the current American Rabbit Breeder's Association (A.R.B.A.) standards and rules.
3. All rabbits will be inspected by the superintendent or a veterinarian during check in. The superintendent shall order an animal to be removed from the fairgrounds at any time during fair if the animal is found to be infected with any contagious disease. For example: ear mites, snuffles, etc. Members or an appointed person must be present at check in. For the safety of all animals, no rabbits are allowed in cages without prior inspection.
4. Showmanship: Showmanship will be open to all 4-H and FFA rabbit exhibitors. Exhibitors choosing to participate are not required to be signed up ahead of time. There will be three divisions: Novice – 1st year exhibitor of any age; Junior – Ages 8-14; Senior – Ages 15-21. Exhibitors must show their own animal. The judge will place the top 3 exhibitors in each of the showmanship classes. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the show and recipients will receive awards at the awards ceremony. The decision of the showmanship judge is final. There will be no interference, and no one is allowed in the ring.
5. Sale of Champions: Exhibitors interested in selling a meat pen or single fryer entered in the fair at the auction **must notify the superintendent at check-in**. All auction animals must be an exhibit at the current fair **and must be a meat breed (6 Class) rabbit**. Auction sign up will close TBD. Exhibitor must attend majority (50% + 1) of meetings or events hosted by the 4-H Club they are affiliated with to be eligible to sell.
6. All exhibitors must complete the required Show Me Quality Assurance (SMQA) training for their age in order to be eligible to sell their meat pen or single fryer in the St. Francois County Fair Sale of Champions.
7. Exhibitors can only sell **ONE** Pen of Three rabbits **OR ONE** Single Fryer rabbit, not both.
8. Exhibitors selling their rabbits at the fair must provide ONE picture with both the exhibitor and the rabbit/rabbits they are selling at fair to the poultry/rabbit superintendent by May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year before fair. A tattoo number must be assigned to the animals and provided to the superintendent at this time as well. However, the rabbits must have their tattoos administered in the left ear before coming to fair. Please email pictures and tattoo numbers to Amber Wampler at [amberwampler84@gmail.com](mailto:amberwampler84@gmail.com).

**Before Fair**

1. 4-H and FFA exhibitors are required to fulfill work hours that are mandated by the St. Francois County Fair Board in order to participate in the fair. Dates and times will be announced several weeks in advance of the fair.
  - a. The poultry/rabbit barn requires maintenance during the fair work days. It is encouraged that exhibitors competing with rabbits participate in setting up pens, cleaning feeders, cleaning and replacing shavings, etc.

2. Rabbit cages will be provided to house rabbits during the fair. 4-H and FFA members must provide their own padlocks if needed. All rabbits listed in the rabbit show will need a cage and stay on the fairgrounds.
3. Exhibitors must provide their own cages for transportation to and from the show area.
4. Members may exhibit as many breeds as they choose under the 4 Class or 6 Class Category. Members may only exhibit one rabbit of each breed in each age class. Example: Exhibitor may show a Mini Rex and a Dutch in the Senior Buck category.
5. The Superintendent reserves the right to divide any class he/she deems is too large.
6. 4-H and FFA exhibitors may show rabbits in the open class, however the same rabbits cannot be shown in both the open and junior class.
7. It's the exhibitor's responsibility to appropriately classify their rabbits and place them in the correct class. You may reference The American Rabbit Breeder's Association (A.R.B.A) for assistance. Also, refer to the classification list of rabbits for assistance.
8. Exhibitors need to bring their own supply box or can use an empty cage after check-in, if available, for feed or storage supplies.
9. Feeders and waterers are provided; however, exhibitors may utilize their own equipment if they wish.
10. **Rabbits being sold at the St. Francois County Sale of Champions must be tattooed.** It is encouraged that all rabbits be permanently identified with a tattoo in the left ear prior to check-in, however only auction rabbits are required to be tattooed. Tattoo in animal must match 4hOnline ID.

### **Exhibiting Rabbits at Fair**

1. Provide ample feed & water. Secure the containers to keep them upright.
2. Fans are welcome in hot weather. Use frozen water bottles in cages to keep rabbits cool, if needed.
3. Keep your stalling area neat and clean. Clean dirty woodchips out from under your cages before adding new chips.
4. Cage decorations shall not extend farther than 18 inches below the bottom of the cage.

### **Fair Check-in**

1. A veterinarian or the superintendent will inspect each rabbit. Meat pens and single fryers will be weighed at this time. Exhibitors need to be present during this process. If the exhibitor is unable to be present, make sure to check with the superintendent or MU Extension staff. No rabbits allowed in cages without prior inspection.
2. Please do not put locks on cages until after check in process is complete.
3. All rabbits must be on the grounds by 6PM in the poultry/rabbit barn.
  - a. Superintendent will verify rabbit classes entered.
  - b. Cages will be marked with your name in the poultry/rabbit barn on cards provided by the superintendent.
  - c. Extra cages will be allowed to exhibitors if space allows. NO refunds will be issued.

### **Fair Show Day**

1. The rabbit superintendent will keep exhibitors informed of the show order. However, it is the responsibility of the project member to stay alert and pay attention to announcements.
2. Exhibitors must show their own animals. Rabbits will be brought to the judging table by the exhibitor as classes are called. The exhibitor may be assisted by another 4-H or FFA member or a family member.
3. Any class with less than 3 entries may be combined with similar classes.
4. All rabbits must be at the poultry/rabbit barn at the beginning of the show.
5. Members must exhibit their own rabbits but can have another 4-H or FFA member or a family member help if a couple of classes are combined due to low numbers.
6. A meat pen must consist of 3 meat breed (6 Class) rabbits. They must be of the same breed and no more than 10 weeks of age.
7. Each rabbit in a meat pen must weigh 3 ½ to 5 ½ pounds each. **Rabbits that do not meet the weight requirements are not eligible to sell in the St. Francois County Sale of Champions.**
8. A meat pen will be judged on the following criteria:
  - a. Meat type
  - b. Condition
  - c. Uniformity
  - d. And fur
9. Single fryers are ruled and to possess the same qualities as described of meat pens, but judged as a single rabbit on its own merit.
10. Rabbits must be deserving of a blue ribbon to be eligible to receive a ribbon, this can be up to the judge's or superintendent's decision.
11. Each exhibitor is limited to one Meat Pen entry and one Single Fryer entry. The fryer must not be pulled from a meat pen.

### **Load out**

1. No rabbits may be removed from the fairgrounds, except by order of the superintendent.
2. All rabbits will remain on the fairgrounds until Saturday 9PM and must be removed by 12PM Sunday.
3. There will be a mandatory work day to help clean up the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in cleaning the poultry/rabbit barn and breaking down cages for storage.

**Cured Meats**  
**Hams & Bacons**

1. Youth exhibiting cured meats in the St. Francois County Cured Meat classes, who are current members of 4-H or FFA in St. Francois County and have completed the SMQA program are eligible to sell cured meat(s) in the Sale of Champions.
2. Cured Hams & Bacon Eligibility
  - a. Meats must be free of insect holes, rot, and bone sour. Meats that are not consumable will be disqualified and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
  - b. Participants must attend a verified county curing project meeting.
  - c. All cured meats must be entered into the fair according to the guidelines for building exhibits.
  - d. Participants must be present to check in and tag cured meats.
3. Cured Meats Sale of Champions
  - a. Each exhibitor may sell one ham and/or one bacon. (not to exceed two items in the Sale of Champions).
  - b. If the grand champion and reserve champion are shown by the same exhibitor, then both entries may be sold.
  - c. The sale order will be based on the rating from the judge.
  - d. Cured meats will always sell last in the sale for health safety reasons.
  - e. Exhibitors must make arrangements with the buyer of their cured meat for pick up or delivery if the buyer does not take home the meat after purchase at the Sale of Champions.
4. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants.