

OPEN CARCASS CONTEST DEPARTMENT 260

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ENTRY DEADLINE	Saturday, AUGUST 8, 2009, 5:00 pm
RECEIVING	Monday, September 14, 2009, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM - Hogs, Beef 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Lambs and Goats* *Lambs and Goats must be checked by vet before penning
WEIGH-IN	Monday, September 14, 2009, 3:30- 7:00 pm - Hogs, Lambs, Goats 5:30-6:30 pm - Beef
PHOTOS	Thursday, September 17, 2009 6:00 pm prior to live judging
LIVE JUDGING	Thursday, September 17, 2009, 6:00 pm
CARCASS JUDGING	Sunday, September 20, 2009, 10:30 am Freedom Meat Lockers
AWARDS PRESENTATION	Saturday, October 10, 2009, 3:00-6:00 pm - Grange Hall Please bring something to BBQ and a side dish. Beverages and dessert will be provided.
ENTRY FEES	Carcass Beef (Steers/Heifers) : \$110.00 per animal Carcass Hogs, Goats, Lambs: \$70.00 per animal \$10.00 Picture Fee Includes bedding, judging, processing and a percentage will be added to a pot for prize money.

DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

- Open to Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Clara Counties.
- Exhibitor must be at least 9 years of age or in the 4th grade by January 1, 2009.
- Photos will be taken on show day.
- Exhibitors must show their own animals.
- Only one entry per person per species.
- Animals must arrive in show condition.
- All carcass animals must remain in assigned stall area.
- Carcass animals must be properly cared for and stalls must be kept clean during the entire length of the Fair. Stalls must be cleaned each day and the work must be completed by 8:00 AM.
- The carcass will remain the property of the exhibitor. The carcass can be picked up after the contest, or cutting instructions can be left at Freedom Meat Lockers. Cut and wrap costs to be paid by owner.

- The Open Carcass Champion will be selected using combined results from Classes 1 and 2. Class 1 will count 20% and Class 2 will count 80% toward the overall combined ranking to determine the Open Carcass Champion.
- Ribbons will be awarded to the top 5 entries. A trophy belt buckle will be awarded to the champion. Premiums will be awarded to the top 5 entries. Animals whose weight is outside the species limits are not eligible for awards or premiums. Super Swine winners will receive ribbons only.
- Market beef, goats, lambs or hogs that do not meet the weight requirements of the appropriate department at the time of weigh-in may enter the Open Carcass Contest provided they meet the weight requirements for the carcass division and the division entry limit has not been reached. Original entry fees will be forfeited and the entry fees listed above will be due and payable on Monday, September 14, 2009, in the Main Fair Office.
- See species-specific rules below.
- Use OPEN CARCASS entry form.

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER SPECIES

1st - Buckle, ribbon and percentage of award pool
2nd through 5th - ribbons and percentage of award pool

OPEN BEEF CARCASS CONTEST

DIVISION 1 -- OPEN BEEF CONTEST

- Exhibitor must own cattle (steers or heifers) for 120 consecutive days prior to the opening of the Fair. Brand inspection and bill of sale or other proof of ownership must be presented at scale before weighing at Fair. A Yellow Transportation slip must accompany all cattle.
- A minimum live weight for beef is 1000 pounds.
- The contest is limited to 15 entries, to be accepted on a first-come time-dated basis. Entries from Santa Cruz County will be accepted first. Entries from all other counties will be accepted up to 15-entry limit.
- Exhibitors must be present to assist in loading of cattle for hauling to processing plant.
- Wild steers will not be permitted. Cattle must be halter-broken and shown by owner.

CLASS 1: Open Beef Live Judging

- Cattle will be shown and judged on conformation, finish, muscling, and estimated USDA Yield and Quality Grades.
- American system of judging.
- Ribbons will be awarded to the top five (5) entries.

CLASS 2: Open Beef Carcass Judging

- Carcasses will be judged for USDA Quality and Yield Grades. Yield Grade is converted to an estimate of Percent Boneless Retail Cuts, which is used as the Carcass Index, and adjusted for Quality Grade and carcass weight. The Index then ranks the carcasses.
- Carcasses must be "A" maturity and grade Select + or better to qualify.

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OPEN LAMB CARCASS CONTEST

DIVISION 2 – OPEN LAMB CARCASS CONTEST

1. Exhibitor must own the animal 60 days prior to the opening of the Fair. Proof of ownership must be presented at the time of weigh-in.
2. All sheep must have scrapie tag – NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. The contest is limited to 20 entries, to be accepted on a first-come time-dated basis. Entries from Santa Cruz County will be accepted first. Entries from all other counties will be accepted up to 20-entry limit.
4. Minimum live weight for lambs is 100 lbs, no maximum weight.
5. Lambs must be shorn one (1) week prior to the Fair and MUST ARRIVE AT THE FAIR IN SHOW CONDITION.
6. The contest will be limited to wether or ewe lambs less than 12 months old. Any cryptorchids or ram lambs will not be accepted and will be disqualified.
7. Any carcass that has undergone an excessive amount of trimming or has parts removed during slaughter or one that is condemned by USDA meat inspection will be disqualified.
8. Lambs found with cryptorchidism will not be eligible for awards.

CLASS 1: Open Lamb Live Judging

1. Lambs will be shown and judged on conformation, finish, muscling, and estimated Quality and Yield Grades.
2. American system of judging.
3. Ribbons will be awarded to top five (5) entries.

CLASS 2: Open Lamb Carcass Judging

1. Carcass evaluation will include USDA Quality and Yield Grade, Adjusted Backfat thickness, and Ribeye area.
2. Final carcass placing will be based on USDA Yield index, after conversion to percent retail cuts and adjusting for Ribeye area.
3. Lambs must grade USDA Quality Grade of Choice Minus (Ch-) or better to qualify.

OPEN GILT AND BARROW CARCASS CONTEST

DIVISION 3 – OPEN GILT AND BARROW CARCASS

1. Exhibitor must own the animal 60 days prior to the opening of the Fair. Proof of ownership must be presented at the time of weigh-in.
2. The contest is limited to 20 entries, to be accepted on a first-come time-dated basis. Entries from Santa Cruz County will be accepted first. Entries from all other counties will be accepted up to 20-entry limit.
3. Hogs with a live weight of 200 – 280 pounds will be eligible to compete.
4. Any animal between 281 and 299 pounds will not be eligible for awards but may participate in the contest.
5. First 5 entries of animals weighing 300 or more pounds will participate in the Super Swine Open Carcass Contest.
6. Any hog found with cryptorchidism or PSE will not be eligible for awards.

DIVISION 3 – OPEN GILT AND BARROW CARCASS

CLASS 1: Open Gilt or Barrow Live Judging

1. Swine will be shown and judged on conformation, finish, muscling, and estimated USDA Yield and Quality Grades.
2. American system of judging.
3. Ribbons will be awarded to the top five (5) entries.

CLASS 2: Open Gilt or Barrow Carcass Judging

1. Carcasses will be judged for USDA Quality and Yield Grades.
2. Essential carcass traits:
Loin eye 4.5 — maximum backfat 1.5 at 10th rib fat depth
3. Muscle color and marbling score to average 2.0-4.0
4. Minimum Carcass Weight of 140 lbs.
5. Maximum Carcass Weight of 192 lbs.
6. Must have acceptable belly score.

CLASS 3: Super Swine Open Carcass Live Judging

CLASS 4: Super Swine Open Carcass Judging

1. Limited to five (5) hogs.
2. Judge to determine placings.
3. Winners will receive ribbons only.

OPEN GOAT CARCASS CONTEST

DIVISION 4 – OPEN GOAT CARCASS CONTEST

1. Exhibitor must own the animal 60 days prior to the opening of the Fair. Proof of ownership must be presented at the time of weigh-in.
2. All goats must have scrapie tags – NO EXCEPTIONS
3. The contest is limited to 20 entries, to be accepted on a first-come time-dated basis. Entries from Santa Cruz County will be accepted first. Entries from all other counties will be accepted up to 20-entry limit.
4. Minimum live weight of 75 lbs, no maximum.
5. The contest will be limited to wether or doe goats, any breed or crossbreed less than 12 months of age showing kid teeth and must be disbudded or dehorned.
6. Any cryptorchids or bucks will not be accepted.
7. Carcass contest animals need not be shaved.
8. Any carcass that has undergone an excessive amount of trimming or has parts removed during slaughter or one that is condemned by USDA meat inspection will be disqualified.
9. Goats found with cryptorchidism will not be eligible for awards.

CLASS 1: Open Goat Live Judging

1. Goats will be shown and judged on conformation, finish, muscling, and estimated Quality and Yield Grades.
2. American system of judging.
3. Ribbons will be awarded to top five (5) entries.

CLASS 2: Open Goat Carcass Judging

1. Carcass evaluation will include Quality, Yield, rib-eye area and leg score.