

May 16, 2024

Hello Livestock and Poultry Exhibitors,

The Santa Cruz County Fair online entry system is open!

Please review our entry guides at <https://www.santacruzcountyfair.com/2024-entry-guides> and check out our Livestock webpage at <https://www.santacruzcountyfair.com/livestock> for additional information.

Extended area exhibitors from Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties have been notified of their acceptance to show and sell at our fair this year.

**Important information:**

**1 – Poultry and Livestock entries are due by Thursday, August 22, at 5:59 p.m. No paper entry forms will be used this year.**

2 - We are using ShoWorks again this year. Livestock exhibitors, please make sure that you have all of your required documents prepared and signed. You will be asked to upload them during your online session. Check the entry guide for required forms. Forms are also available on the Livestock webpage.

3 - Showmanship is mandatory this year for exhibitors of large animals (market and breeding beef cattle, sheep, goats and swine, and dairy goats and dairy cattle). It is best to enter your animal(s) first and then add your showmanship entry for the animal you will be using. Please review the entry guide for showmanship requirements.

4 – **Exhibitor wristbands ARE REQUIRED** for exhibitors of large animals (cattle, hogs, sheep, goats). Look for Department **Livestock – Credential and Extras** in the online system and submit an entry for the appropriate division/class. Wristbands are optional for poultry and rabbit exhibitors. Carcass exhibitors' entry fees include wristbands.

5 – **HOG EXHIBITORS – must bring their own waterers** again this year. If you do not have a waterer, there are DIY videos and instructions on the internet. Think PVC pipe and a Lixit hog nipple. All hog pens are 4x6. Market hog exhibitors will need a copy of their breeder's Prop 12 compliance certification. If the information is included on the bill of sale, that will suffice. Bred & Fed hogs are exempt, but the home environment must also be Prop 12 compliant.

6 - Cattle exhibitors (market, carcass, breeding, dairy) are encouraged to bring your animal in on Sunday, September 8. Weigh-in for market and carcass beef is on Monday, September 9, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dairy cattle exhibitors may opt to bring in their stock on Thursday, September 12.

7 - All other large animals will check-in on Monday, September 9, 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Goats and sheep must go through vet check (3:30 - 6:00 pm) prior to penning and weighing.

8 - Poultry check-in is on Tuesday, September 10, from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. Rabbits check in on Friday, September 13, from 8:00 - 8:30 am.

9 - Market animal exhibitors **must** enter a still exhibit in the Youth Organizations or FFA Departments, or FFA Floral Arrangement Division in Floriculture. Stills entered in other departments/divisions are encouraged, but will not satisfy this requirement. All exhibitors are encouraged to enter a still exhibit.

10 – Should the number of entries we receive exceed our pen capacity, our Livestock Pen Space Policy on page 4 of the Livestock Entry Guide will be used to cancel classes beginning with the lowest priority. If you enter and pay entry fees for animals for which we have no room, your entry fees will be refunded.

11 – If you have entries in a Saved Cart, don't forget to go back and submit them by the deadline.

12 - Credit card payments may be made through the online system. A 3% fee will be added to your bill. Only one credit card may be used to pay online.

13 - Buyers will be able to submit add-ons online this year. If you would like a picture of you and your market animal to be displayed for buyers, please upload a picture by the entry deadline.

14 - RV camping reservations may be made and fees may be paid in the online system. First come, first served! In order to accommodate more livestock campers, RV units over 30 feet will not be allowed this year. Tents larger than 100 square feet may require two spots. Please plan accordingly.

15 - Please complete the [2024 Storm Water Survey](#) no later than August 22.

We will contact you if there are any issues with your entries. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us at this email address should you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you all at our county fair!

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