

***2015***  
***ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA***  
***LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE***



**HANDBOOK**

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**4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK**  
**GENERAL RULES FOR 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS**

1. 4-H and FFA members who are currently enrolled in Rockbridge, Alleghany, Bath, Botetourt and Craig 4H and FFA programs are eligible to compete. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and must not have had their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
2. Exhibitors must be bona fide members of their respective 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapter by January 31, 2015 in order to show at the fair. Membership will be verified by 4-H Extension Agents and FFA advisors. To be eligible to show, members must attend at least 5 club monthly and participate in one service project.
3. Exhibitors will provide their own bedding, straw or shavings in the event that it is not provided. Mulch will be available. ABSOLUTELY NO SAWDUST OR STRAW IN THE BARN.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their pen(s) at the end of each day, and piling the debris in a designated area.
5. NO premiums will be paid to exhibitors who do not clean their pen(s), if applicable.
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7. At any time during the fair, unruly animals posing a risk of injury to exhibitors or spectators may be excused from the class, show, or fairgrounds by the judge, department superintendent, 4-H agent, OR FFA Advisor. Market animals excused from class but allowed to remain on the fairgrounds will be allowed to sell at the end of the auction for that specific species.
8. No one is allowed in the Show Ring other than the EXHIBITOR, JUDGE, RINGMASTER, AND PHOTOGRAPHER, unless requested by the Judge or Ring Master.
9. During the Fair, only the exhibitor, their family, or other Virginia 4-H or FFA members may fit, clip, feed or help manage their animals.
10. Dairy cattle in production, cattle with nursing calves or nursing calves may leave the fairgrounds at 5 p.m., but they must be returned to the fairgrounds by 8 a.m. the following morning.
11. The exhibitor of an animal must be the owner of the animal unless the owner has more than one in any given class; in which case, the owner will show one animal and another 2015 Rockbridge Regional Fair Livestock Show 4-H/FFA exhibitor will show the other. Department Superintendent or Designee will verify ownership. If owner is not present entry will be scratched.

12. The definition of Home Raised Animals is as follows: Any animal that is owned and raised by the exhibitor or immediate family of the exhibitor, (i.e. parents and/or siblings). This includes animals born on the farm or bought within one week of birth. The number of animals that can be shown are two Home Raised animals per department per exhibitor. Home raised animals will be shown in their respective classes with double premiums being paid based on their placing in that class. Home raised animals must be declared within one hour after the final weigh-in.
13. Any class splits will be left to the discretion of the species chairman and Executive Committee.
14. Premium amounts listed on the sliding scale will be paid only if enough money is available.
15. Any animal going through a sale after the ownership and possession date stated in the rules, and before the Rockbridge County Fair, is ineligible to be shown at the county fair and/or sold in the county market animal sale. The animal(s) must be in continuous ownership and possession of the exhibitor by and after the specified dates
16. ENTRY FORMS: Entries are available online at [www.rockbridgelivestock.org](http://www.rockbridgelivestock.org) beginning June 1, 2015. Entries will close on June 8th , 2015 at 11:59 p.m Entry fees are to be submitted to each respective Extension Office or electronically no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 9th , 2015.
17. Entry fees are \$8 for beef classes, \$5 per specie for showmanship classes, \$5 for sheep classes, \$5 for hog classes, and \$5 for goat classes. All forms will be completed and entry fees will be paid at this time.
18. Late entries will be accepted until June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. An additional \$10 per entry will be charged, i.e. \$18 for cattle, \$15 for showmanship, \$15 for sheep, hogs, and goats. Late entry fees must be delivered to the respective Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on June 16, 2015.
19. The use and/or possession of tobacco, alcohol or other controlled substances are prohibited. Members violating this policy will be eliminated from all 4-H/FFA Livestock competitions and will remove their animals from the fairgrounds. They will not be allowed to continue showing or competing in any 4-H/FFA Livestock activities at this year's fair. Entry fees are not refundable for these violations. The Executive Committee will review the situation and may make further recommendations on discipline. Coolers are subject to search.
20. Medical Waste: The Virginia Horse Center provides special containers for medical waste (needles, syringes and other medical supplies) disposal in each barn for exhibitors use.

Medical waste must not be discarded in stalls, manure pits, garbage cans or on the grounds.

Medical wastes must be placed in appropriate containers located in each barn.

21. While in the show/sale ring, all exhibitors must wear clean jeans or slacks and a shirt with collar. Shirts must be tucked in. No tank tops. No shorts. Exhibitors will not be allowed to show or sell unless in proper attire.
22. Animals must be treated and handled in a responsible and humane manner. They will be fed and watered at least twice daily.
23. The use of tranquilizers, sedatives, or depressants is prohibited.
24. Treating an animal internally or externally with any substance or procedure used to artificially change the conformation, appearance, or handling characteristics of the animal for show is prohibited. This does not apply to accepted methods of clipping or combing an animal's hair.
25. The use of abusive showing and/or handling practices such as striking animals, or administering an electrical shock to cause swelling, or to affect the bracing behavior of an animal is prohibited.
26. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after a competitive event is prohibited.
27. Any violation of the general rules can and will result in forfeiture of premiums and awards, disqualification, possible loss of sale proceeds, probationary status, and/or loss of eligibility for future competition at the Rockbridge Regional Fair. The Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Council Executive Committee is responsible for the administration of these rules. Their decisions are final and not subject to appeal.
28. If an animal dies prior to the show, replacement will be allowed as follows: A. The exhibitor notifies the Executive Committee Chairman or another member of the Executive Committee within 24 hours of the death of the animal. If it is a market steer, a replacement of the same type and kind will be allowed up to 100 days before the fair. For hogs, sheep, and goats, replacement of the same type and kind will be allowed up to 30 days before the fair. If it is less than 100 days for market steers, or less than 30 days for all other species, replacement will not be allowed. B. You must be notified in writing by the executive committee that a replacement is within guidelines. If it is a market animal, it must be retagged. C. Replacement animals will not be eligible for Champion or Reserve classes. They can show in the regular class only. If a replacement wins first place in a class, the second place entry will be eligible to

compete for Champion. D. A certified letter of death will be provided by a licensed veterinarian to verify death of an animal.

29. No exhibitor may show an animal that has been previously sold at an auction or sale as a market animal through another fair or livestock show, whether or not there is an actual change of ownership.
30. All animals need to be in the barn no later than 8:00 a.m. Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Animals may be removed NO earlier than Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.. Any exhibitor needing to be exempt from this rule needs to present such a request in writing to the Executive Committee one month prior to the Fair.
31. All exhibitors or authorized designee are required to assist with both set up and tear down. If an exhibitor does not participate, they will not be eligible to participate in the following year's show and sale.

# Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Advisory Council

## Sale Procedures/Policies

1. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors may sell one market animal of each species; unless an exhibitor has both Grand and Reserve Champion of a species, then both sell in the auction sale.
2. The exhibitor has **two (2)** hours following the completion of each market show to declare the animal they will sell in the auction sale.
3. The auction sale order revolves annually. The sale order for the 2015 auction will be champions, steers, hogs, lambs and goats. The species following steers will rotate to the end of the list the following year.
4. The sale order for Champions will be: Hogs, Lambs, Goats and Steers.
5. Market lambs grading choice minus or better will be sold through the sale. Steers grading from prime to select minus will sell in the sale. Market hogs grading 1 or 2, and weighing between 200 and 300 lbs will sell in the auction sale. Market goats must grade 1 or 2 to be sold. There is no maximum or minimum weight for steers, goats, and lambs to be sold.
6. The order of sale will be based upon quality (grade) and class placing. For each type of livestock the first sale will be the lowest placing animal with the lowest grade classification in the lightest eligible weight class- If a tie exists, weights will determine order, with the lightest weight selling first.
7. Lambs grading below choice minus, standard steers, and utility hogs will not be allowed to sell.
8. Only animals exhibited in the regular market classes at this show may be sold through the sale.
9. The 4-H or FFA member must be present to sell their own animal. Special situations may be considered with written application to the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Advisory Council Executive Committee. Exhibitors must provide written request to Executive Committee one month prior to show. Auction Committee may allow member to receive floor price only.
10. No animal can be sold more than twice at the auction. The first highest bidder may donate the animal back for resale for the benefit of the Livestock Advisory Council or other not-for-profit group. However, the second sale cannot be for the benefit of any individual 4-H/FFA exhibitor.
11. Animals become the property of the buyer after they are sold. The club members and the Livestock Committee will cooperate in loading out the animals. Animals floored become the property of the floor buyer.
12. All sales are final at the conclusion of the auction

13. No youth animals will be sold through the auction. However, youth animals being transported for processing by the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Advisory Council must have a sale sheet completed by Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, no later than 12:00 p.m.
14. All exhibitors selling market animals will be charged a flat rate of \$50 per head to help pay auction sale expenses, transportation, buyer reception, etc. All non-market animals will be charged \$5/head.
15. All extra and youth market animals must have a completed Livestock Sale Form immediately following the completion of the auction. If this is not completed, the animal **will not** be loaded for slaughter and the transportation becomes the responsibility of the seller.
16. Animals will be loaded out for slaughter following the sale and at a time determined convenient for the floor buyers and processors. All animals to be loaded must be left in the barn following the completion of the sale..
17. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be *prima facie* evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which



affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

All exhibitors must comply with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act, and the Wholesome Assurance Statement as published below. Health Regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture require that animals treated with drugs, pesticides or any other chemical must go through the prescribed withdrawal period as listed on the label. Therefore, it is important that exhibitors determine the type of treatments used if the animals must be dipped or treated prior to leaving the point of origin.

### **USDA WHOLESOME MEAT ACT**

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Rockbridge County Fair as follows:

- a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
  - b. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
  - c. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug.
  - d. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
  - e. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned. If drug or other chemical residues are found in the urine, blood or tissue from an animal sold through a sale connected with the Rockbridge County Fair, said show will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass or sale price of animal. Exhibitor will forfeit all rights to the sale proceeds and premiums. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug. A drug test, as listed above, requested by anyone other than show management must pay the costs of the test (\$300) prior to administration of the tests. If the results are positive, the money will be refunded and the exhibitor will be liable for the expenses incurred. Members found to be in violation of this rule will be disqualified from exhibiting a market animal the following year at the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale.
18. Thank you notes for sale purchases are due to the respective extension office two weeks following the closing of the fair. If thank you notes are not submitted, NO Premiums will be awarded. Thank you notes will be reviewed for age appropriate completion and correctness.

Thank you notes must be written to each buyer (note that some animals have two or more buyers and a separate note must be written to each one). Colored stationery, and/or printed thank you notes may be used. **Binder paper is not allowed.** Typed and computer written thank you notes are not acceptable. Envelopes must be properly addressed, stamped and UNSEALED. Notes should be at least one paragraph and easy to read. We will not accept money to purchase stamps

19. Exhibitor(s) of the Champion hog, lamb, and goat are responsible for raising the committee animal of that species for the following year's sale. Committee animals are sold for the benefit of the Rockbridge Livestock Advisory Council as a fundraiser. Committee animals are donated or bought to be raised by the past years' champion exhibitor for the benefit and continuation of the livestock show and sale. If an exhibitor/youth is unable to fulfill this obligation, it is recommended that the exhibitor/youth make arrangements for another exhibitor/youth to raise the animal and provide financial support. Executive Committee will locate an animal for the exhibitor to raise as a committee animal. **All Committee animals must meet the same requirements of any other market animal of the same species. Committee animals must also be tagged in at the initial tag-in with all other market animals.**

## Rockbridge 4-H / FFA Livestock Show and Sale Dress Code

The following are clothing requirements for participants, adult volunteers, and staff members that must be followed while at the 4-H / FFA Livestock Show and Sale on the Virginia Horse Center property:

- Shoes must be worn at all times. Closed-toe shoes are required. Footwear without heel straps is not permitted (home-made heel straps are not permitted). Flip-flops are not permitted.
- Clothing with offensive, sexual, suggestive, profane, violent, or inappropriate words or pictures is not permitted. Clothing displaying content, such as logos, slogans, graphics, etc., for illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products is not permitted.
- Clothing that reveals undergarments is not permitted. No portion of undergarments may be visible.
- Tight clothing is not permitted.
- Low cut shirts, backless shirts, half shirts, or shirts that expose the midriff are not permitted. Transparent and sheer clothing, including jerseys, is not permitted, unless worn over another appropriate shirt.
- Tank top straps less than one inch wide are not permitted. Tank top straps showing undergarments are not permitted. Spaghetti straps are not permitted, unless worn with another appropriate shirt.
- Shorts / skirts / skorts shorter than the tip of the longest finger when the hands are down by the side are not permitted.
- Excessively baggy pants / shorts are not permitted. Pants / shorts worn below the hips are not permitted.
- Clothing with holes above the knee is not permitted.

Participants in violation of the dress code will be asked to change into appropriate clothing. Multiple violations may result in dismissal from the Rockbridge 4-H / FFA Livestock Show and Sale. Inappropriate dress not specifically covered by the above provisions is subject to review by adult leadership.

## LIVESTOCK SHOW AWARDS

### CATTLE DEPARTMENT

#### Premium Level Sliding Scale

The sliding scale is a system by which exhibitors in a particular class receive a premium based on the number of other exhibitors in the class. For example, if there is only one exhibitor in the class that exhibitor would receive a premium in the amount of \$8 for placing first place. However, if there were three exhibitors in the class the first place winner would receive a premium of \$12, and subsequent winners would receive premiums in accordance with the scale.

Class Awards are as follows:

(The premium amounts listed on the sliding scale will be paid only if enough money is available.)

# Shown	Placings									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	8									
2	10	8								
3	12	10	8							
4	14	12	10	8						
5	16	14	12	10	8					
6	18	16	14	12	10	8				
7	20	18	16	14	12	10	8			
8	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8		
9	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	
10	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8

\*\*Home Raised and Bred & Owned Animal Premiums are double the premiums for their respective departments, but will be paid only through the top ten if funds are available.

**Grand Champion Award: Award**  
**Reserve Champion Award: Award**  
**Showmanship Champions: Award**

The following department awards are as follows:

### GOAT DEPARTMENT

### SHEEP DEPARTMENT

### SWINE DEPARTMENT

Premium level sliding scale

Class Awards are as follows:

(The premium amount listed on the sliding scale will be paid only if enough money is available.)

# Shown	Placings									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	5									
2	7	5								
3	9	7	5							
4	11	9	7	5						
5	13	11	9	7	5					
6	15	13	11	9	7	5				
7	17	15	13	11	9	7	5			
8	19	17	15	13	11	9	7	5		
9	21	19	17	15	13	11	9	7	5	
10	23	21	19	17	15	13	11	9	7	5

\*\*Home Raised and Bred & Owned Animal Premiums are double the premiums for their respective departments, but will be paid only through the top ten if funds are available.

**Grand Champion Award: Award**  
**Reserve Champion Award: Award**  
**Showmanship Champions: Award**  
**Costume Class: Ribbons ONLY (Sheep, Goat or Calf)**

**Supreme Showmanship Class: No Premiums Awarded; Supreme Showman will receive an award.**

**Ultrasound Awards- STEERS, GOATS, LAMBS AND HOGS:** Only the top three of each species will receive an award if funds are available.

**Outstanding 4-Her** will receive an award.

## **ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA SHOWMANSHIP**

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Exhibitors must fill out entry forms for Showmanship Classes.
2. Exhibitors must show an animal that has been entered in their name in another class.
3. Animals in Showmanship classes will be shown clean, dry, and unfitted. Animals may be clipped and brushed or combed, but no additives or sprays allowed.
4. The classes for each species listed below are Junior Showmanship (9-11 years), Intermediate Showmanship (12-13 years), Senior Showmanship (14-19 years, Novice Showmanship (exhibitor never having shown that specie before that project year ), and Non-Ownership Showmanship (Noviceexhibitors who do not own the species being shown). All ages are as of September 30, 2015.
5. There will be a \$5 entry fee for each showmanship class that an exhibitor enters.

1. Sheep
2. Swine
3. Beef Cattle
4. Dairy Cattle
5. Meat Goats
6. Dairy Goats

## **ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP**

**Friday, July 17, 2015**

**1:00 P.M.**

### **Rules**

1. A single exhibitor will be named the 4-H/FFA Supreme Showman. A top Showman from each species will be selected regardless of age classification. An exhibitor may win and subsequently represent more than one species in the Supreme Showman class. The overall winners from the six species showmanship classes will compete for Supreme Showman by exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, meat goats and dairy goats. In the unlikely event that one exhibitor was to win all six of the individual species awards during their preliminary showmanship class, that exhibitor would automatically be recognized as the Supreme Showman for the year.
2. After winning the Supreme Showmanship Award once, an exhibitor is not eligible to compete again.
3. Supreme Showmanship Class: No Premiums Awarded; Supreme Showman will receive an award.
4. If less than 3 animals of comparable size are not available, the overall winner of the species will participate in Supreme but their respective specie will not be shown. A question and answer round will be substituted.
- 5.

6. Two extra animals from each species will be selected and held back as substitution animals. The judge is to be made aware that substitute animals are available and the decision to excuse an animal for unruly behavior will be at the judge's discretion. In the event that a species (i.e. dairy cattle) does not have enough animals entered to allow for substitutes, the judge will be instructed to have exhibitors switch animals during the class to allow an equal opportunity for each exhibitor to handle each animal.

**ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA MARKET GOAT SHOW**

**Wednesday, July 15, 2015**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Chairperson: Amy White 540-871-6523**

**CLASSES:**

1. Market Goats (Born December 1, 2013 or after) - Classes will be determined by weight at time of weigh-in. Goats must be a wether or doe to be shown in market class. Bucks will not be allowed.

**\*Champion Market Goat**

**\*Reserve Champion Market Goat**

**RULES:**

1. Market Goats must be owned by and in possession of the exhibitor by May 30th, 2015. **Market goats must be weighed and tagged** on May 29th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. or May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at a location to be determined. All goats must be properly castrated prior to weigh-in.
2. All goats must be washed, and dry.
3. Goats may be shown with or without halters.
4. Exhibitors may show up to four market goats.
5. All animals must have an approved health certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian or be from a certified herd with current certification. Any animal showing signs of sore mouth, foot rot, or infectious and/or contagious diseases must be removed from the fair grounds. All wethers must be healed prior to the show. Animals must be identified by tag and/or tattoo.
6. SCRAPIE IDENTIFICATION: All market goats must have an official USDA Scrapie Identification ear tag prior to the show.



## **ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA BREEDING GOAT SHOW**

**Friday, July 17, 2015**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Chairperson: Amy White 540-871-6523**

### **DIVISION I: DAIRY BREEDS**

#### **CLASSES:**

1. Jr. Does (Born February 16, 2015 or later).
2. Dry Yearlings up to 12 months -Born February 14, 2013 to February 15, 2015).
3. Does Born February 15, 2013 or later.
4. Milking Does under 2 years of age.
5. Milking Does 2 years and older.
6. Breeding Buck – 1 year and older.
- 2.

**\*Champion Dairy Doe Goat    \*Reserve Champion Dairy Doe Goat**

### **DIVISION II: MEAT BREEDS**

#### **CLASSES:**

1. Junior Doe Kid (Born February 16, 2015 or later).
2. Intermediate Doe Kid (Born January 1 to February 15, 2015).
3. Senior Doe Kid (Born September 1 to December 31, 2013).
4. Breeding Doe -1 year and older.
5. Junior Buck Kid (Born February 16, 2015 or later).
6. Intermediate Buck Kid (Born January 1 to February 15, 2015).
7. Senior Buck Kid (Born September 1 to December 31, 2013).
8. Breeding Buck -1 year and older.

**\*Champion Meat Breed Doe    \*Reserve Champion Meat Breed Doe  
\*Champion Meat Breed Buck    \*Reserve Champion Meat Breed Buck**

#### **RULES:**

1. All breeding goats must be owned by and in possession of the exhibitor by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
2. Market Goats may not be shown in the breeding show.
3. All goats must be washed, and dry.
4. Goats may be shown with or without halters.
7. All animals must have an approved health certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian or be from a certified herd with current certification. Any animal showing signs of sore mouth, foot rot, or infectious and/or contagious diseases must be removed from the fair grounds. Animals must be identified by tag and/or tattoo.
5. SCRAPIE IDENTIFICATION: All breeding goats that are bucks or does must have an official USDA Scrapie Identification or permanent identification prior to the show.

## **ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA BREEDING SHEEP SHOW**

**Friday July 17, 2015**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Chairperson: Tricia Jarvis**

### **DIVISION I - REGISTERED EWES**

### **DIVISION II - COMMERCIAL EWES (ANY EWES NOT REGISTERED) CLASSES:**

Classes:

1. Yearling Ewe – must be at least one year of age, but may not exceed two years of age.
2. Senior Ewe Lamb (Born Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2013).
3. Intermediate Ewe Lamb (Born Jan. 1, to Feb. 15, 2015).
4. Junior Ewe Lamb (Born February 16, 2015 or later).

**\*Champion Registered Ewe**

**\*Reserve Champion Registered Ewe**

**\*Champion Commercial Ewe**

**\*Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe**

5. Pen of 4 Lambs - Both sexes represented.
6. Flock Class - 1 ram, 1 yearling ewe, and 1 ewe lamb.

### **DIVISION III – Rams**

Classes:

1. Registered Ram - 1 year and over.
2. Commercial Ram - 1 year and over.
3. Registered Senior Ram Lamb - Born Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2013.
4. Commercial Senior Ram Lamb - Born Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2013.
5. Registered Intermediate Ram Lamb - Born Jan. 1 to Feb. 15, 2015.
6. Commercial Intermediate Ram Lamb - Born Jan. 1 to Feb. 15, 2015.
7. Registered Junior Ram Lamb - Born Feb. 16, 2015 and later.
8. Commercial Junior Ram Lamb - Born Feb. 16, 2015 and later.

**\*Champion Ram**

**\*Reserve Champion Ram**

### **RULES:**

1. All breeding sheep must be owned by and in possession of the exhibitor by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
2. All sheep must be washed, dry and shown according to breed standards.
3. Sheep may be shown with or without halters.
4. No market lambs may be entered in the breeding show.
5. All sheep entered in Division I classes must be registered in the exhibitor's name. Registration papers will be checked on show day before class competition. Papers can be in individuals, farm, or family name.
6. Registered rams may be shown in both commercial and registered flock classes.
7. Commercial flocks may consist of registered and commercial ewes. Registered ewes shown in this class will not be the same ewes shown in the purebred flock class. ALL sheep in the Division I flock class MUST BE registered.
8. The commercial flock must have one or more sheep, which are not registered.
9. All animals must have an approved health certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian or be from a certified flock with current certification. Any animal showing signs of sore mouth, foot rot, or infectious and/or contagious diseases must be removed from the fair grounds. Animals must be identified by tag and/or tattoo.
10. SCRAPIE IDENTIFICATION: All breeding sheep entered to be shown (rams and ewes) regardless of age must have in place, official USDA Scrapie Identification ear tags before the show.
11. If less than six head in a breed, they will be grouped as other.
12. The winners of the Registered Ram Classes and the winners of the Commercial Ram Classes will compete for the overall Champion and Reserve Champion Rams.

## **ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA MARKET LAMB SHOW**

**Wednesday, July 15, 2015**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Chairperson: Tricia Jarvis**

### CLASSES:

1. Individuals: All lambs will be shown by weight regardless of breed. Classes will be made up after entries are weighed. Lambs must be either a wether or a ewe.

**\*Champion Market Lamb**

**\*Reserve Champion Market Lamb**

### **RULES:**

1. Lambs must be owned by and in possession of the exhibitor by May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. **Lambs must be weighed and tagged** at a location to be determined on May 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm-8pm or May 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All animals must be properly castrated prior to weigh-in
2. Exhibitors may show up to four (4) market lambs.
3. Market lambs must be slick shorn and washed.
4. Ewes or wether lambs born after December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 may be shown.
5. Wethers must be healed; no short scrotum lambs.
6. No breeding sheep may be shown in the market lamb show.
7. All animals must have an approved health certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited Veterinarian or be from a certified flock with current certification. Any animal showing signs of sore mouth, foot rot, or an infectious or contagious disease will be removed from the fair grounds. Animals must be identified by tag and/or tattoo.
8. SCRAPIE IDENTIFICATION: All market lambs must have an official USDA Scrapie Identification ear rag prior to the show.

# **ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA BREEDING CATTLE SHOW**

**Thursday, July 16, 2015**

**2:30 p.m.**

**Chairperson: Mary Lynn Harris**

## **DIVISION I - REGISTERED CATTLE**

A. Angus      B. Simmental      C. Shorthorn      D. Hereford  
E. Charolais      F. Red Angus      G. Limousin      H. Other

## **DIVISION II - COMMERCIAL CATTLE - FEMALE ONLY (Not Eligible For Div. I)**

### **CLASSES:**

1. Junior Heifer Calf - Calved January 1, 2015 and after.
2. Senior Heifer Calf - Calved September 1 - December 31, 2013.
3. Intermediate Yearling Heifer - Calved May 1 - August 31, 2013.
4. Junior Yearling Heifer - Calved January 1 - April 30, 2013.
5. Senior Yearling Heifer - Calved September 1 - December 31, 2013.

7. Cow/calf pair - calf age requirements of Class 2 apply. (either sex can be shown)

**\*Champion Registered Female**

**\*Reserve Champion Registered Female**

**\*Champion Commercial Female**

**\*Reserve Champion Commercial Female**

**\*Supreme Champion Female.** (Champion Females from Divisions I and II.)

**\*Champion and Reserve Champion Bred and Owned**

## **DIVISION III REGISTERED BULLS**

1. Junior Bull Calf - Calved January 1, 2015 and after.
2. Senior Bull Calf - Calved September 1 - December 31, 2013.

**\*Champion Bull**

**\*Reserve Champion Bull**

## **RULES:**

1. Exhibitors must own or be in possession of cattle on or before June 1, 2015. Cattle two (2) months or older must have registration papers. Papers will be checked on show day before class competition. Papers can be in individual, farm or family name.
2. All cattle must be clean and dry. Fitting will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor.
3. All cattle must be halter-broken to tie and lead.
4. All cattle must be de-horned and healed.
5. Classes will be split by breed. Breed champions will compete for overall Supreme Champion Female.
  6. For a registered breeding cattle show there must be four head present of a specific breed. If four individual animals are not present at the show then all breeds not meeting this requirement will be shown together.
6. All cattle must have an approved Health Certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian showing that they are free from contagious and/or infectious diseases. Animals exhibiting signs of infectious and/or contagious diseases will be removed from the fair grounds. Animals must be permanently identified by tag and/or tattoo.
7. All registered bulls will compete in the same classes according to age.

**ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA DAIRY CATTLE SHOW**

**Thursday, July 16, 2015**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Chairperson: Mary Lynn Harris**

**DIVISION I - PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE**

- A. Holstein
- B. Jersey
- C. Other

**CLASSES:**

1. Junior Heifer Calf - Calved January 1, 2015 and after.
2. Senior Heifer Calf - Calved September 1 - December 31, 2013.
3. Intermediate Yearling Heifer - Calved May 1 - Aug. 31, 2013.
4. Junior Yearling Heifer - Calved January 1 - April 30, 2013.
5. Senior Yearling Heifer - Calved September 1 - Dec. 31, 2013.
6. Cow – two (2) years of age or older by show date.

**\*Champion Female      \*Reserve Champion Female**

**\*Supreme Champion Female.** (Champion Females from Divisions IA, IB, and IC).

**\* Champion and Reserve Champion Bred and Owned**

**RULES:**

1. Exhibitors must own and be in possession of cattle on or before June 1, 2015.
2. All cattle must be clean and dry. Fitting will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor.
3. All cattle must be halter broke to tie and lead.
4. All cattle must be dehorned and healed.
5. Breed champions will compete for overall Supreme Champion Dairy Female.
6. All cattle must have an approved Health Certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian showing that they are free from contagious or infectious diseases. Animals exhibiting signs of contagious and/or infectious diseases will be removed from the fair grounds. Animals must be permanently identified by tag and/or tattoo.
7. Dairy cattle must be purebred, but are not required to be registered.
8. To show as a registered breeding cattle show there must be four head present of a specific breed. If four individual animals are not present at the show then all breeds not meeting this requirement will be shown together.

**ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA FEEDER STEER SHOW**

**Thursday, July 16, 2015**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Chairperson: Mary Lynn Harris**

**DIVISION I - 4-H/FFA BEEF—FEEDER STEER CALVES**, born November 1, 2013 or after

CLASSES:

1. Calves will be weighed and classes determined at weigh-in.

**\*Champion Feeder Steer**

**\*Reserve Champion Feeder Steer**

**DIVISION II - 4-H/FFA DAIRY—FEEDER STEER CALVES**, born November 1, 2014 or after

CLASSES:

1. Calves will be weighed and classes determined at weigh-in.

**\*Champion Feeder Steer**

**\*Reserve Champion Feeder Steer**

**RULES:**

1. Cattle must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor on or before June 1, 2015.
2. Exhibitors can show up to three (3) feeder steers.
3. Fitting will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor.
4. All cattle must be halter broke to tie and lead.
5. All cattle must be dehorned and healed.
6. All cattle should be shown clean and dry.
7. All cattle must have an approved Health Certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian showing that they are free from contagious or infectious disease. Animals exhibiting signs of contagious or infectious diseases will be removed from the fair grounds. All animals must be identified by tag and/or tattoo.

\*Definition: Dairy calves are by dairy bulls from dairy cows. Half-dairy calves will be shown in the beef classes.

**ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA MARKET STEER SHOW**

**Thursday, July 16, 2015**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Chairperson: Mary Lynn Harris**

**CLASSES**

1. All steers will be shown by weight regardless of breed. Classes will be made up after entries are weighed.

**\*Champion Market Steer**

**\*Reserve Champion Market Steer**

**RULES:**

1. Steers must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor by January 1, 2015. Steers will be weighed and tagged January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at a location to be determined. Steers not weighed and tagged will not show. All animals must be properly castrated prior to weigh-in.
2. Exhibitors showing steers have the option for steers to be slick shorn or shown with hair. All steers must be shown clean, dry and fitted to the discretion of the exhibitor.
3. All steers must be halter broke to tie and lead.
4. All steers must be dehorned and healed.
5. Each exhibitor may enter 3 steers.
6. All cattle must have an approved Health Certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian showing that they are free from contagious and infectious diseases. Animals exhibiting signs of infectious and/or contagious diseases will be removed from the fairgrounds. Animals must be identified by tag and/or tattoo.

## **ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA MARKET HOG SHOW**

**Thursday, July 16, 2015**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Chairperson: Angie Snyder**

### **CLASSES:**

1. Individuals: All hogs will be shown by weight regardless of breed. Classes will be made up after entries are weighed.

**\*Champion Market Hog**

**\*Reserve Champion Market Hog**

### **RULES:**

1. Hogs must be owned by and in possession of the exhibitor by May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. **Hogs must be tagged and weighed** on May 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm or May 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. at a location to be determined. All animals must be properly castrated prior to weigh-in.
2. Exhibitors can show up to four (4) hogs.
3. Hogs must be washed, but only in approved wash stalls.
4. Barrows or gilts may be shown.
5. Barrows must be healed.
6. If a hog is over or under the specified weight range of 200-300 pounds, then they may show.
7. However, there will be a lightweight class for hogs under 200 pounds and a heavyweight class for
8. Animals over 300 pounds. These hogs are not eligible for the championship drive or auction.
9. All animals must have an approved Health Certificate signed 30 days or less prior to the show by
10. an accredited veterinarian. Animals exhibiting signs of infectious and/or contagious diseases will
11. be removed from the fairgrounds. Animals must be identified by tag and/or tattoo.



## **ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA BREEDING GILT SHOW**

**Friday, July 17, 2015**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Chairperson: Angie Snyder**

### **CLASSES:**

Breeds – Both purebred and crossbred gilts are eligible, but there will NOT be specific breed classes.

Weight – Open to gilts weighing up to 350 lbs; Gilts over 350 lbs. are not eligible.

Divisions – Gilts will be divided into divisions by weight. The division break points are as follows:

1. Prospect Division (gilts weighing up to 150 lbs.)
2. Progress Division (gilts weighing from 151 lbs. to 240 lbs.)
3. Mature Division (gilts weighing from 241 lbs. to 350 Lbs)

**\* Champion Gilt**

**\*Reserve Champion Gilt**

Classes: The number of classes within each of the three divisions will vary based on the number of entries

### **RULES:**

1. Exhibitors must own and be in possession of breeding gilts on or before June 1, 2015.
2. All gilts must be clean and dry. Fitting will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors can show up to four (4) gilts.
4. Gilts must be washed, but only in approved wash stalls.
5. All gilts must have an approved Health Certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian showing that they are free from contagious and/or infectious diseases. Animals exhibiting signs of infectious and/or contagious diseases will be removed from the fair grounds. Animals must be identified by tag and/or tattoo.
6. All gilts must be identified via tattoo, ear notch, or identification tag prior to entry deadlines.

## **HERDSMANSHIP COMPETITION**

The herdsmanship contest is a way for members to demonstrate their knowledge of safety procedures, and to display their animals to the public and other 4-H members. Herdsmanship is designed to provide experience in developing courtesy, cooperation and neatness, and demonstrate the proper care of animals.

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Basis for Scoring:

### **Promotional Display (0-40 points)**

Exhibitors may refer to VCE Publication 388-056, "4-H Presentations", for information regarding the organization of a presentation. The section "Using visual aids" may be helpful in preparing the table display.

- **Table display**
  - Set up by 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 15, 2015, and on display for the duration of the fair
  - Exhibitor will choose a topic related to the species of their choice: sheep, meat goat, dairy goat, beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs, or poultry
  - Exhibitor will be provided a four foot table space (It will be up to the exhibitor to use that space as completely and efficiently as possible.)
- **OPTIONAL: Oral presentation**
  - 10:00 am on Thursday, July 16, 2015
  - 2-5 minute oral presentation on display topic followed by questions from judge(s)
  - Scored using VCE Publication 388-062

### **Animal Presentation (0-40 points)**

- Securely tied or penned
- Clean and comfortable
- Regularly fed, watered, and cared for
- No manure behind animals (cattle)
- Animals cross tied where appropriate
- Mulch neat and orderly

- Feed pans removed and water buckets secured

### **Barn Area (0-20 points)**

- Exhibitor / farm signs
- Clean and orderly
- Alleys, stalls, and pens cleaned
- Stalls to be well bedded
- Cleaning equipment stored in a safe manner
- Tack and grooming equipment stored neatly
- Feed area neat and orderly

Awards will be presented to the top three in each of the three age categories (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior). Exhibitors may do more than one display, but only one per species. Prizes will be:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Junior, Intermediate, and Senior: \$75.00 each
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior, Intermediate, and Senior: \$50.00 each
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior, Intermediate, and Senior: \$25.00 each

Judging for the Herdsmanship Award will be done throughout the show and will be done for cattle, hogs, sheep and goats. Winners will be selected in each species. Families will be considered as a single exhibitor and not separated.

## **RECORD BOOK COMPETITION**

Exhibitors are required to submit one completed Rockbridge Livestock Record Book for judging as part of the total education experience. **Important: NO premiums will be awarded if a record book is not turned in by the exhibitor by Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.** Exhibitors are required to submit at least one book but are encouraged to submit books for each species entered in the fair. Books will be judged as Junior (ages 9-11 as of September 30, 2015), Intermediate (ages 12-13 as of September 30, 2015), and Senior (ages 14 and older as of September 30, 2015). Books will be separated by species and judged against the criteria listed below. Exhibitors are reminded that this is a project record book and not a scrap book. Exhibitors are encouraged to limit the number of extra pages added to the record book to two (2). Pictures of the exhibitor and project animal are acceptable.

Completed books are to be submitted to the respective County Extension Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Late books will not receive awards and/or show premiums. If the record book is found to be incomplete, no premium will be awarded.

### **CRITERIA FOR RECORD BOOKS**

1. Completeness
2. Accuracy
3. Neatness

### **RECORD BOOK AWARDS**

Participants will receive a ribbon.

## **ULTRASOUND CONTEST**

### **CLASSES:**

1. Steers
2. Lambs
3. Hogs
4. Goats

### **RULES:**

1. Only animals entered in the market animal shows are eligible.
2. Carcass ultrasound data will be collected at weigh-in on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 by a CUP - Certified Ultrasound Technician, and will be submitted to the Centralization Ultrasound Processing Lab in Iowa for tabulation.
3. Entries will be ranked according to carcass merit and cash awards will be distributed to the top 3 placings in each species.
4. First place winners in each class will also receive an award if funds are available.

**STOCKMAN'S CONTEST**

**Saturday, July 18, 2015**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Chairperson: Rosalea Riley Potter 540-292-0859**

The Stockmen's Contest is a test of general knowledge of livestock. Contest format is similar to the State Fair Stockmen's Contest. Classes include a 25-question multiple choice quiz (100 points), identification of feeds, equipment, breeds, retail meats cuts (50 points each class). Sample contest materials and previous year's quizzes can be found at the 4H Livestock Website, <http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/livestock/>.

**Classes:**

- 1. Written test with 25 questions concerning total livestock industry.....100 points
- 2. Identification of 10 pieces of livestock equipment. ....50 points
- 3. Identification of 10 breeds of beef cattle, sheep, and hogs. ....50 points
- 4. Identification of 10 feeds. ....50 points
- 5. Identification of 10 retail cuts of meat.....50 points
- TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS.....300 Points**

**\*\*Ties will be broken on the total written test score, if a tie exists in the first tiebreaker it will be broken on identification of retail cuts of meat.**

**Stockman's Contest Awards**

Contestants will be divided into Youth (ages 5 – 8), Juniors (9-13) and Seniors (14-19). Birthdates will be determined as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A top contestant will be awarded \$25 for each age group. All exhibitors will be placed and ribbons given.

## Non-Ownership Showmanship Classes

### **RULES:**

- 1) Open to exhibitors ages 9-19 (as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015). Exhibitors are required to be a 4-H or FFA member in Rockbridge, Botetourt, Craig, or Alleghany counties.
- 2) Must have a parent or legal guardian sign a waiver releasing Rockbridge Livestock Advisory Council of any liability or fault if an accident were to occur.
- 3) Classes are not awarded premiums, only ribbons.
- 4) All decisions by the judge are final.
- 5) Exhibitor must wear close-toed shoes in order to participate.
- 6) Exhibitors are asked not to wear ball caps or chew gum while in the show ring.
- 7) Class breaks will be determined by the Show Committee Chairman on the day of the show based on the following: number of people signed up, and age.
- 8) Those exhibitors from Rockbridge, Botetourt, Craig and Alleghany Counties who have already competed in showmanship classes are not eligible to participate in non-ownership classes for any specie that they have previously shown at the current fair.
- 8)
- 9) Junior novice exhibitors showing beef cattle or dairy cattle may be accompanied by a senior exhibitor or parent, but may only receive help if the animal is unruly or hurting the exhibitor.
- 10) Must have no prior experience.
- 11) Non-ownership classes will follow completion of regular showmanship for each species.