

# Rules for Livestock Entries

## **Entry Rules for Livestock (Including poultry and rabbits) – Please Read Carefully!**

1. **All livestock must be entered online by July 15, 2018.** The Fulton County Fair will take online entries from **May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 15, 2018.** Go to the Fulton County Fair website [www.fultoncountyfair.org](http://www.fultoncountyfair.org) and follow the link for online entries. No paper entry forms will be accepted. **We cannot accept entries that are not pre-registered. All entries will be entered in the computer before the fair opens.** Persons who do not have access to a computer should contact their Extension Agent or the Fulton County Fair Office. Out-of-county livestock entry fees must be received by **July 15, 2018.** **New this year---Fulton County Fair will accept online payment of entry fees. Exhibitors can pay with a credit or debit card when they check out!** **We encourage exhibitors to pay online but if they cannot, payment can be mailed to the Fulton County Fair Assoc., Post Office Box 910, Salem, AR 72576.**
2. Livestock will check-in on **Wednesday, July 26, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Health papers will be checked at this time. **No livestock will be allowed on the fairgrounds or in the barns before the check-in times.**
3. **New Rule:** Due to incidents that have happened at other fairs in our area, the Fulton County Fair board of directors have made a decision to have a minimum age of 3 years for exhibitors who enter Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle or Swine. The exhibitor safety is of utmost importance to the Fulton County Fair and we encourage exhibitors who do not meet the age requirement to start out with smaller animals, goats, sheep, poultry or rabbits.
4. The official age for Junior Exhibitors is 13-18 years. However if that exhibitor graduated from high school in May of the current year and have had a birthday and are 19, they may continue to exhibit as a Junior for this year.
5. Livestock exhibitors must furnish feed, feed troughs, and water containers for their animals. At the close of the fair, exhibitors must leave the stalls for their animals clean by removing straw and trash.
6. Only purebred, pureblood (one purebred parent) livestock or animal equal to Breed Association Herd Book quality are admitted to the fair. (Poultry, rabbits and commercial and market classes are exempt).
7. All disputes and misunderstandings shall be settled by the chairman of the department in which they occur or by the Fulton County Fair Executive Committee.

8. All livestock must be handled by the owners or their authorized representative. Any animal that is not exhibited before the judge, unless granted permission, is automatically disqualified. All livestock must be halter broke or show in pen classes.
9. Health regulations are printed in the fair tabloid and on the Fulton County Fair website and are issued by the Livestock & Poultry Commission. Health certificates are required. In the event a disease is detected the owner will be asked to remove the animal from the fair. In case of dispute, fair officials will have authority to call a veterinarian at the expense of the owner. The Fulton County Fair Association reserves the right to have a blood and urine laboratory analysis made for any market animals at the county fair. Any exhibitor administering a drug to an animal which would render the carcass unfit for human consumption or any exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis indicating the presence of an unapproved drug that can result in a quantitative or qualitative change in the characteristic of the animal will be required to return all premium money and could be banned from further competition at the county fair. Their name and lab analysis will be submitted to the USDA for further investigation and possible prosecution. Any animal receiving medication for any life threatening disease or illness must be registered at the time they are entered in the fair.
10. Livestock entries will be limited to two animals per class per exhibitor with the exception of goats and sheep. Goats and sheep will be limited to four animals per junior exhibitor and two animals for open (adult) exhibitors because of space limitations.
11. All Fulton County 4-H club and FFA members who make livestock entries will be eligible to compete for the Showmanship Awards and will not compete against out-of-county exhibitors. Judging will be on their ability to handle the animal, grooming of the animal, and conduct and appearance of the showman.
12. Fulton County youth exhibitors will be eligible to compete for the *Don Crawford Award*. This award will be awarded to the youth exhibitor earning the most points in the livestock department. Fulton County youth are eligible for the Herdsman Awards. These awards will be presented to youth who do the best job of taking care of their animal (s), keeps their pen or stall clean during the fair, and shows leadership in helping the superintendent and other exhibitors.