

**SECTION VI - MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
LIVESTOCK RULES**

34. A **Self Inspection Seasonal Pass is required** for all exhibition cattle, sheep and swine owned by Arizona residents and exhibited in Arizona according to state law (ARS 3-1346, Section R3-2-703). To receive a Seasonal Pass, exhibitor must complete an application form with the Az. Dept. of Agriculture. To have an application mailed or faxed to you, call the Self Inspection desk at (602) 542-6407 or download it at [www.azda.gov](http://www.azda.gov) under the heading "Forms", subheading "Self Inspection" and choose "Seasonal Pass Application". Each exhibitor is allowed to list up to ten animals on a pass.
35. At the end of receiving time until release time, exhibitors are expected to do their own work on animals with limited assistance allowed.
36. Animals showing evidence of disease will be rejected (*See Swine Dept. for special information on pseudorabies*).
37. As a member of public safety, all animals must be gentle and easily handled.
38. Watering places, stall space and/or roofed pens will be provided. Exhibitor must furnish feed and water containers.
39. Each exhibitor must exhibit and take care of his/her own animal unless excused by the Superintendent for reasons that are deemed sufficient. Each exhibitor shall show his/her own animal whenever possible; but, in no case shall an individual not eligible to enter animals in the Junior Division be allowed to show a Junior's entry.
40. Exhibitors are cautioned to keep equipment stored where it will not be lost or stolen. The Fair Association accepts no responsibility for such equipment.
41. Exhibitors will be required to attend to their own animals while on exhibition. They will be kept well groomed and in show condition. Exhibitors will see that their pens are neatly kept, the litter disposed of before 8:30 a.m. each day, and the passageway must be kept clean and clear at all times. The superintendent will have charge of barns and pens in the departments.
42. All Open Division Beef Cattle must be registered (recorded) in exhibitor's name (or in exhibitor's possession) not less than 120 days prior to Fair dates to be eligible for Sweepstakes Trophy. Exhibitor shall furnish such information concerning their stock as may be required, and in case of refusal to obey this rule, any or all premiums will be forfeited. Any exhibitor having an animal, which will not be shown, must notify the superintendent of the fact before the class is called.
43. ANIMAL ABUSE, in any manner, on the Fairground premises WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Exhibitor doing so will forfeit premiums at the discretion of the Department Superintendent.
44. Exhibitors shall not display premiums, ribbons or decorations previously won by any animal prior to judging.
45. No exhibitor or person will be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with judge(s) during their adjudication, or to offer any criticism of an exhibit or another exhibitor; and any exhibitor or person who shall attempt to interfere with them in any manner, whether verbally or otherwise, shall be excluded immediately from the ring and from competition. If it is ascertained that any exhibitor has, in any ungentlemanly and public manner, taken exception to the findings of the judge(s), the Superintendent may exclude said exhibitor or person so offending from competing for a premium or exhibiting on the grounds.
46. FITTING: Cleanliness - hide, hair or fleece, horns and hoofs must be clean, neat and free from dirt. General appearance - must be attractive from the standpoint of prevailing breed fashion.
47. SHOWMANSHIP: Appearance (exhibitor and equipment used in showing animal) – exhibitor should be tidily dressed; animal should be groomed to the best of exhibitor's ability. Ability - exhibitor must demonstrate ability to move animal about the ring as directed. The animal must be owned and have been cared for by the exhibitor.
48. ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP: The Junior and Senior Showmanship winners of each species may compete in the Round Robin Showmanship. The animals used will be the showmanship winners' animals. One top Junior and one top Senior will be awarded a Round Robin Showmanship award. See department superintendents for complete rules.
49. CHAMPION: At the discretion of the judge, where there is no competition in the respective age groups; but, if an animal is of championship quality, the judge may designate it as an animal qualified for champion in that age group.
50. LOSS OR DAMAGE: Every animal entered for exhibition will be in the charge of the department superintendent; but the Fair Association will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage which may occur, and entries are made and accepted on this condition.
51. Livestock exhibitor passes will be given to each livestock (beef, sheep, goat, swine and dairy cattle) exhibitor for the weekend of the Fair and will only be accepted at the north ticket booth. Passes will be distributed to exhibitors at weigh in.

## RULES FOR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

54. Junior exhibitors must be qualified members of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, or a Junior Exhibitor between the ages of nine (9) and whichever comes first: age 19 as of January 1st or the fall after graduation from high school. Junior exhibitors must reside in Graham County, have animals registered and ear tagged with the Livestock Committee by the following number of days prior to the date of the show: 120 day ownership of beef; 90 day ownership of lamb and swine. Animals must maintain complete residence in the County for the same period of time. All animals must have an ear tag by the following dates or will not be allowed to participate in the County Fair (alternate animals must also be tagged). *It will be indicated on the sale sheet which organization the exhibitor is affiliated with, per request by the Graham County Fair and Racing Association.*

### SPECIES MINIMUM DAYS ON FEED

Beef 120 Days    Hog 90 Days    Lamb 90 Days

All animals and exhibitors **must attend** tag-ins at the fairgrounds, next to the scale, between 7:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. on the dates below:

3rd Saturday in April – Initial Steer tag-in  
1st Saturday in June – Final steer tag-in  
1st Saturday in June – Initial hog and lamb tag-in  
Last Saturday in June – Final hog and lamb tag-in

55. The Arizona Department of Agriculture, Graham County Fair, and the Graham County Junior Livestock Auction Committee require exhibitors to be certified with the Quality Assurance and Food Safety Course. Course information may be obtained from the Graham County 4-H/ Extension office at (928) 428-2611 or from Safford FFA (928)348-7050.

56. If animal dies within 30 days of tag-in and a committee member has been notified and death verified, the animal can be substituted.

57. **All animals entered must comply with USDA Wholesale Meats Act. The Act requires the following:**

A. Antibiotic and Sulfonamide have required withdrawal period.  
B. Drug label directions must be followed.  
C. If drug or chemical residues are found in carcass tissue, the entire carcass may be condemned and the exhibitor will forfeit premium monies, and any sale funds.

D. If a carcass is condemned for any reason other than chemical residue, the exhibitor will forfeit sale funds. Please consult your project leader or the livestock committee if you do not understand this statement. There will be an age limit imposed on all market classes of animals as follows: Market Steers must be under 2 years of age; Market Lambs must be under 1 year of age; Market Hogs will be ruled by weight only.

58. To be eligible to enter the Market Steer Classes, Market Lamb Classes or Market Hog Classes the following weight limit must be recognized: **Market Steer minimum weight of 900 lbs.**, maximum weight unlimited; **Market Lambs minimum weight of 100 lbs.**, maximum weight unlimited; **Market Hogs minimum weight of 210 lbs.**, maximum weight unlimited. All animals must be grain fattened.

B. For purposes of the auction, the following pay weights apply: Market Steers - 1,200 lbs.; Market Lambs - 140 lbs.; Market Hogs - 250 lbs.

59. **Exhibitor must be present** with their animal at weigh in. Exhibitor will maintain the following records and turn them in to the Livestock Committee at Weigh-In prior to the opening of the Graham County Fair. These must include: AZ Department of Agriculture Seasonal Pass and a financial report for each animal presented for weigh-in which includes a record of what the animal has been fed. In addition, attendance by the Junior Exhibitor in one “outside” show such as SAILA or another sanctioned event is mandatory in order to show and sell, proof of attendance will be collected at weigh-in.

60. Exhibitors must have NOT sold a market animal in any other county/community fair within the last year.

61. All animals shown must be properly cleaned and groomed for show, handled easily by exhibitor, and must be of proper finish for the class in which they are shown. Animals must also comply with all rules contained herein, as well as those set forth by the Livestock Committee.

62. All animals must be shown by the exhibitor/owner. All other arrangements must be made in advance with Livestock Committee.

63. Exhibitor must own any animals shown in the Market Steer, Market Lamb and/or Market Hog Classes.

64. The exhibitor may sell one animal, provided the animal receives no less than a red ribbon and is shown in the appropriate showmanship class. All participants are required to show in the Junior or Senior Showmanship Class in order to be eligible for the Graham County Junior Livestock Auction.

Exhibitors are limited to selling one animal in the auction **unless** one of the exhibitor's other species wins Grand or Reserve Champion, or County Bred & Fed. In this case, the exhibitor will be allowed to sell a second animal of a *different* species. In the event an exhibitor chooses to show all three species and two of the three animals obtain Grand or Reserve Champion, or County Bred & Fed, then a third animal of a separate species may be sold as well.

65. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of each division (Steer, Lamb and Hog) must be sold at the Junior Livestock Auction. If an animal other than Grand or Reserve Champion is to be withdrawn from the Auction, the sales committee must be notified prior to publishing of sales list. If an exhibitor has multiple entries of the same species and one is chosen for Grand Champion or Reserve Champion, and that animal is not County Bred & Fed, in the case that the exhibitor has a multiple entry that is County Bred & Fed, the animal will be eligible to compete for the County Bred & Fed Award. However, this does not allow an exhibitor to sell an additional animal of the same species.

66. Special awards will be given for the Best of Breed Beef, Lamb and Hog of Graham County (County Bred & Fed) and will be sold after Grand and Reserve Champions.

67. Maximum of four (4) animals may be tagged in all divisions, identified by an ear tag. Exhibitor must declare immediately after the market show which animal will be in the sale, if qualified by rule 64 above.

68. The decision of the Junior Livestock Board of Directors will be final on all rules or changes and appeals pertaining to the Junior Livestock Auction with a simple majority vote the Graham County Junior Livestock Board of Directors.

69. Each exhibitor who sells an animal in the auction will be charged an 8% (eight percent) commission fee on the sale price of their animal to help defray costs of the Junior Livestock Auction.

70. Weigh-in time will be opening Thursday of the fair, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Animals will be weighed-in *one time only* for all divisions. If any questions arise as to the accuracy of the scales or the weight of the animal, the animal will be removed, scales rebalanced and reweighed immediately.

71. Any exhibitor showing an animal must be able to control their animal without assistance while in the show/sale ring. If the Livestock Committee deems an animal unsafe, the Committee reserves the right to remove the animal from the premises and the animal will be disqualified from the auction.

72. All swine and sheep entries must meet federal guidelines for premise ID numbers for entry. Please contact superintendent for the specific division for questions regarding the requirements or call the Arizona Department of Agriculture, Animals Service Division.

73. Tag-In: All beef exhibitors will be required to show control and handling ability of their animal(s) at one of the initial tag-in days. If this is not exhibited, the animal will not be tagged in and consequently not allowed into the show/sale due to safety precautions.