

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

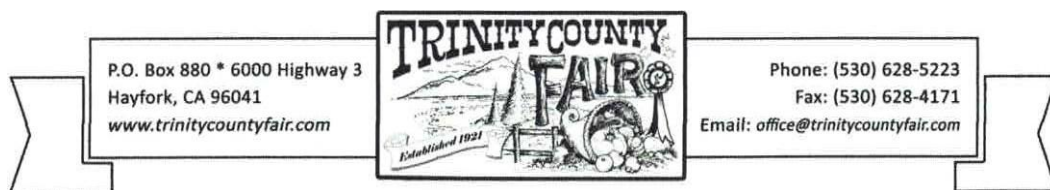
Welcome to the Trinity County Fair Junior Livestock Independent Exhibitor Program! We are incredibly pleased that you have decided to bring an animal to the fair to exhibit and possibly sell at the Trinity County Junior Livestock Auction. **A 'Letter of Intent to be an Independent Exhibitor (including Adult Independent Exhibitor Leader information)' must be received by the Fair Office not later than December 1, 2025, order to start the exhibitor requirements for the Trinity County Fair.**

WHO QUALIFIES AS AN INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR?

An exhibitor who is not eligible to compete in a certain category as a member of a 4H, Grange or FFA junior organization (i.e. exhibitor is not a member of a club; exhibitor is a member of 4H but there is no project leader for the exhibitor's chosen project species or high school students who cannot fit FFA into their school class schedule may show at the Trinity County Fair as an independent exhibitor). California State Rules specify "Juniors who have been 4H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as independent exhibitors or enter project(s) under a different organization." Independent Exhibitors may be ineligible to participate as an exhibitor if there is documented disciplinary action taken against them by 4H, FFA or Grange organizations, involving them or their project(s). Please refer to the 2025 State Rules for California Fairs CDFA, copies are available in the Fair Office; 2026 State Rules are published prior to the Fair. Independent Exhibitors must be 9 years of age by January 1, 2026, to compete in large animal (Beef, Swine, Sheep, Market Goats) competition at California Fairs. Exhibitors are eligible to compete through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR REQUIREMENTS (Market Animals only):

- Fairs and Exposition Branch (F&E) requires all California Fairs (County, Citrus, & District Agricultural Associations) junior livestock (large and small animal) exhibitors to annually participate in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program either online or in an instructor led program. For more information on the YQCA program, please visit www.yqcaorg.
- Must attend Pen Set-up Day (scheduled in June prior to Fair), Sunday Load Out and Barn Clean-up.
- Must attend six (6) meetings/trainings in the current year related to your project. Document each meeting and what was learned on the Meeting Verification Form.
- Must attend three (3) Fair Board of Directors meetings; January Annual Meeting to introduce yourself and your project(s) to the Board of Directors, April to update the Board of Directors



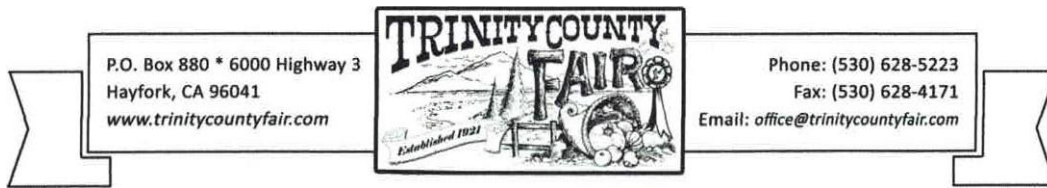
on your project(s), and June Semi-Annual Meeting to update Board of Directors on your project(s).

- Must enter another exhibit other than Junior Livestock in order to sell.
- Must be current on Quality Assurance Training, courses may be completed online at www.yqca.org . You are required to turn in your online training certificate to the Fair Office prior to the Exhibit Entry Deadline.
- Must perform 6 hours of community service in the current year and write a project essay including the date of the service and who it was performed for. The essay needs to provide details of the service you performed and what you learned from doing it and turn into the Fair Office at the time of entries.
- Pick up and review the current Exhibitor Handbook, available in May, on the website and at the fair office. Be sure to review and abide by all 2026 State and Local Rules.
- Exhibitors must attend the mandatory livestock meeting prior to the Fair (after set-up day), sign up for duties during the fair and auction, have a stall card on their project pens identifying themselves, their animal, and their hometown, and follow all rules pertaining to Junior Livestock Exhibitors. Independent Exhibitors must wear a white button-up shirt with a collar, white pants, boots, and a belt. Exhibitors must attend the mandatory Livestock Exhibitors Meeting immediately following the small animal weigh-in Tuesday of Fair week if showing small animals, or the meeting immediately following the large animal weigh-in Wednesday of Fair week, or both meetings if showing both small and large animals.
- The exhibitor must sign up and perform barn duties during the fair.
- Failure to complete any of the items listed will be a violation, each violation will result in an additional 15% commission deduction from your auction check, in addition to the standard deduction

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP & AFFIDAVIT DEADLINE:

The attached form plus a photograph with visible identification tag, notch, etc. and bill of sale are due at the fair office by 5:00pm on the following dates, a bill of sale is required even if the animal was raised from birth by the exhibitor, the document needs to include all the same details as a bill of sale

Beef & Dairy Cattle	120 Days before Fair
Sheep, Goats & Swine Rabbits & Poultry	60 Days before Fair
Rabbits & Poultry	30 Days before Fair



Providing these documents to the fair office registers your animal(s) as owned by an intended Independent Exhibitor at the 2026 Trinity County Fair. If you have a back-up animal, you must file the same documents to register that animal as an independent project.

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE:

The animal project must be "entered" into the annual fair by entry form online at trinity.fairwire.com (must include applicable Showmanship Fees). Paper entry forms will not be accepted for Jr.

Livestock Exhibits. Entry forms are due by the following deadline no later than 5:00pm. Also due at the time of your online entry are the Community Service Form, Project Meetings Log, Meeting verification Forms for 2 of the 3 required meetings, and GPA verification.

In order to be eligible for the 2026 Junior Livestock Sale the exhibitor must attend the pen set up day prior to the fair, sign up for duties during the auction, have a stall card on their project pens identifying themselves, their animals, and their hometown, and follow all rules pertaining to Junior Livestock Exhibitors.

REPORTS TURNED IN:

The other requirements listed must be turned into the fair office within 7 days of close of auction, following the fair. Those items include Remaining Meeting Verification Form(s), Project Records, and Medication/Weight Gain Records. Auction Checks will not be released without the Independent Exhibitor Packet on file and appropriate thank you cards completed.

You can make copies of the attached forms as necessary and/or use additional paper. Please feel free to contact the fair office at 530-628-5223 should you have any questions.

The Trinity County Fair will run Thursday, July 9th, 2026, through Sunday, July 12th, 2026, we look forward to seeing you there and we hope you have an educational experience.

LETTER OF INTENT INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Age as of January 1, 2026: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parents name and phone number: _____

Species taking to the fair:

_____ Steer (Must own for 120 days)

_____ Lamb (must own for 60 days)

_____ Swine (must own for 60 days)

_____ Goat (must own for 60 days)

_____ Poultry (must own for 30 days)

_____ Rabbits (must own for 30 days)

_____ Turkey (must own for 30 days)

Will you have a backup animal _____ YES _____ NO

The undersigned declares that the information provided upon is the true and correct.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member Name: _____

Trinity County Independent

Livestock Market Agreement for Trinity County Fair

This agreement outlines the requirements that must be completed by the independent exhibitor to sell at the Trinity County Fair. The completed agreement (with signatures) must be submitted to the Trinity County Fair at the April Board Meeting Update. Failure to complete this agreement will result in forfeiting your right to show/sell in the Trinity County Fair.

Requirements:

1. Meet the ownership requirements for your market animals,
2. Have attended the January Annual meeting and introduced yourself and your project goals.
3. Attend the required 6 hours of market project meetings prior to the fair entry deadline.
4. Submit an up-to-date Project Report to the board at the April meeting.
5. Submit an up-to-date Project Report to the board at the June meeting.
6. Complete the annual YQCA training at: www.yqcaprogram.org (this requirement is set by the state)
7. Abide by the Code of Conduct and meet GPA requirements.
8. Abide by the rules of the Trinity County Fair and the state rules for California Fairs.

After the sale:

9. Thank You letters must be delivered to the fair office within one week of the auction.
10. A completed Annual Project Report must also be submitted within 7 days.

Please write in the number of animal(s) you are taking to the Fair. You may sell a maximum of two market animals or pens, only one of which may be a steer.

_____ Steer (ownership requirement 120 days)

_____ Goat (ownership requirement 60 days)

_____ Sheep (ownership requirement 60 days)

_____ Swine (ownership requirement 60 days)

_____ Poultry Meat Pen (pen is 3 animals) (ownership requirement 30 days)

_____ Rabbit Meat Pen (pen is 3 animals) (ownership requirement 30 days)

_____ Turkey (ownership requirement 30 days)

I understand that this is a Terminal sale.

Members and Parents/Guardians: Signing below certifies that your child and you have read, understand, and agree to abide by these requirements, and are eligible to sell at the Trinity County Fair.

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Member Name: _____

Signature_____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature

Project Leader(s): Signing below certifies that the member has completed these requirements and is eligible to sell at the Trinity County Fair.

Fair Executive: _____

Signature_____

JLC Independent Committee member: _____

Signature_____

Exhibitor / Parent Fair Agreement

I, _____ (Exhibitor), will be participating in the 2026 Trinity County Fair. I agree to abide by all guidelines and local & state rules that govern the Trinity County Fair.

Livestock Department Independent Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age and must not be older than 18 years of age on January 1, 2026. Exhibitors' 4th — 8th grades will show with 4-H and 9th — 12th will show with FFA.

Ownership Requirements: Independent Exhibitors must meet all ownership requirements. Independent Exhibitors must enter an open Junior or Independent class unless one is not available. If an open or independent class is not available, junior exhibitors may enter an appropriate 4-H, FFA, or Grange Class.

Parent/Guardian Signature: On the entry form a parent/guardian signature is required by the fair to certify that: projects have been under their direct supervision in accordance with the rules and regulations of the fair; and the entry is the project of the exhibitor and is eligible for exhibit. Failure or refusal of parent/guardian to sign the required entry form will prevent the exhibitor from entering that class(es).

Leaving an organization: Juniors who have been a 4-H, FFA, or Grange member within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef projects) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as an independent junior.

Record Book: All Independent Exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available as to the length of the project. Record books are due to the Trinity County Fair within 7 days of close of fair, before the exhibitor can receive their check.

Picture: Independent Exhibitors entering market animals must provide fair management with a picture of their animal, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent ear tag, tattoo, and/or hog ear notch information 120 days prior for beef, 60 days for sheep, goats, and pigs, and 30 days for rabbit and poultry. Bring to Trinity County Fair, 6000 Hwy 3, Hayfork, CA 96041.

On Grounds Supervision: All Independent Exhibitors must participate in barn duty. All animals must be fed and watered in a timely manner. Animals not fed or watered in a timely manner will be excused from the fair. All Independent Exhibitors and adult supervisors must check in with the Livestock Office or Livestock Clerk by 8 am daily during fair week.

Uniform: The "uniform" for independent exhibitors will be a white dress shirt or blouse (long or short sleeved), white jeans/slacks, and closed-toed footwear. No hats allowed.

I have personally read the above terms and agree to abide by them.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Trinity County Independent Representative: _____ Date: _____

Independent Junior Livestock Exhibitor Community Service Project Report

Exhibitor Name: _____

Date Community Service Was Performed: _____ Hours: _____

Who Community Service Was Performed For: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Project Essay

(Discuss what service you performed and what you learned from it)

Minimum 10 Sentences

Signature of Community Service Supervisor: _____

Independent Junior Livestock Exhibitor Public Meeting Form

Exhibitor Name: _____

Date Meeting was Attended: _____ Hours: _____

Attended Meeting For: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Meeting Brief

(Describe what the meeting was about and what you learned)

Minimum 10 Sentences

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Signature of Meeting President/Chair: _____

Junior Livestock Exhibitor Record Book

Name: _____

Birth Date:_____ Gender: __ Male __ Female Your Picture (Optional)

Age on January 1, 2026: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Briefly describe the overall project and project goals (in 150 words or less):

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2026 Project Journal

(Add Pages if Necessary)

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Independent Requirement Checklist

Due: Prior to completion of fair entries

I, _____ have completed the following and have attached the records.

- ☐ Submitted my letter of intent prior to December 1st, 2025.
- ☐ Completed 6 hours of Community Service and the Community Service Project Record
- ☐ Attended 6 project meetings.
- ☐ Attended 2 of the 3 Fair Board Meetings required (January and April)
- ☐ Completed the Market Agreement form prior to the April Fair Board Meeting
- ☐ Completed YQCA and obtained the certificate. ☐ Turned in my GPA verification.

Signature of Exhibitor: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

This exhibitor has completed all the above requirements and is eligible to enter the 2026 Trinity County Fair.

Signature of Fair Executive: _____

Signature of JLC Independent Committee member:
