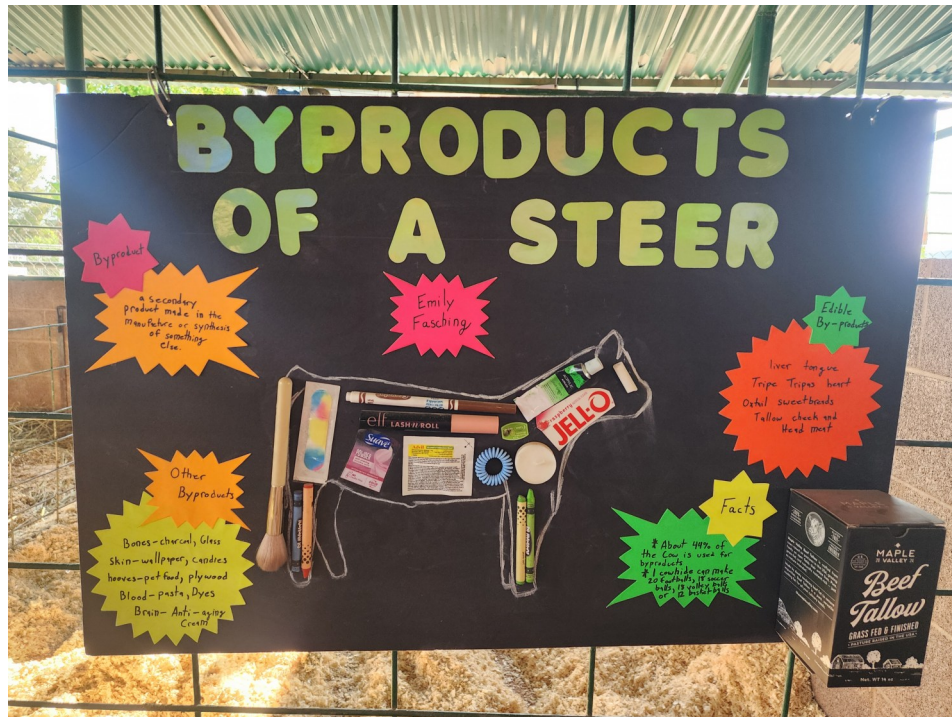


Livestock Rules

2026



April 29 —May 3, 2026

September 9, 2025

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2026 Verde Valley Fair

THERE IS NO TIME LIKE FAIR TIME

Please direct any questions to:

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Fair Dates

April 29— May 3, 2026
Wednesday through Sunday

Check-in & Set-up

Monday - April 27th

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Barns open for exhibitors to set-up pens with equipment, bedding and feed only.
NO animals at this time.

Tuesday - April 28th

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Check-in for all animals.
You **MUST** be in line by 5:00 pm

Wednesday April 29

Show Schedule

TBD BOOSTER Shows—Early in Day
AROUND 2 pm Cavy / Rabbit in Gyberg Building
TBD Speeches in Large Show Barn
TBD Game Bird Show and Go (Pigeon, Quail, Dove, Pheasant etc.)
TBD Pygmy/Dairy Goats In Show Barn
TBD Breeding Sheep in Show Barn
TBD Breeding Goat in Show Barn

Thursday April 30

GYBERG

TBD Waterfowl
TBD Turkey
TBD Poultry
TBD Sr. Small Stock Round Robin
TBD Intr. Small Stock Round Robbin
TBD Jr. Small Stock Round Robin

SHOW BARN

Market Lamb
Market Swine
Bred and Fed to
immediately follow
Respective show
Breeding Beef
Market Goat
6:00 pm Market Beef
Breeding Beef
Beef Showmanship

Friday May 1

SHOWBARN

TBD Pig Showmanship
TBD Breeding Swine
TBD Dairy Cattle
TBD Dairy Cattle Showmanship
TBD Goat Showmanship
TBD Lamb Showmanship
TBD Small animal dress review/Youth Pet Show
TBD Jr. Large Animal Round Robin
TBD Intr. Large Animal Round Robin
TBD Sr. Large Animal Round Robin

Saturday May 2

9:00 a.m. Awards Photo Show Barn
12:00 Noon Buyers Luncheon
2:00 p.m. Livestock Auction

Sunday May 3

6 am to 10am Removal of LARGE Equipment ie: show boxes,
chutes and scales
TBD Cleaning of all pens, and equipment removal
TBD Breeding, small stock & private animals leave
TBD Barns Close
TBD Large stock market animals leave

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- ◇ The Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc. has approved the following Organized Youth Programs: 4-H, FFA and Organized Youth Clubs.
 - ◆ All members must be enrolled in an Organized Youth Program approved by the Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc. throughout the time the animals are on a feeding program, and up to and throughout the fair.
 - ◆ All leaders and Organized Youth programs must be approved by the Annual Leader Meeting. (September 9, 2025)
 - ◆ All approved Youth Organization programs are open to Verde Valley residents only. Any exceptions are to be submitted to the Livestock Committee annually, on or before September 2nd by 2 p.m. Any resident outside of the Verde Valley must write a letter signed by themselves, parent/guardian and Leader asking for permission to show at the Verde Valley Fair. These residents must be enrolled in a recognized Verde Valley Fair Organized Youth Group.
 - ◆ Yavapai County exhibitors who have exhibited during the prior 12 months, but not sold animals at any formally-sponsored livestock show, event, community fair, another county fair, etc., or program, such as one sponsored by the 4-H, FFA or similar youth organization in Yavapai County, are eligible to exhibit and sell animals at the Verde Valley Fair. But applicants who have exhibited and sold animals at such shows, events, auctions or programs (EXCLUDING Arizona State Fair and Arizona National or other National Shows) are eligible to exhibit, but are not eligible to sell their entries at the Verde Valley Fair Junior Livestock Auction. If the Verde Valley Fair Board becomes aware that a youth exhibitor has sold an animal at any such show, event, auction or program and did not advise the Verde Valley Fair Board, the youth exhibitor must immediately remove his or her animal from the Verde Valley Fair facilities, the entry fees will be forfeited and the youth exhibitor may be prohibited from participation in any future Verde Valley Fairs. Verde Valley Residents are eligible to sell at one local, one county level, one state level, and one national level youth livestock auction within Arizona per year.
 - ◆ If an exhibitor has sold an animal at one of the above stated Local or County Level auctions they will only be eligible to participate in an open market conformation class and will still be eligible to participate in showmanship.
 - ◆ **Once entry is entered**, members may not switch clubs.
 - ◆ Youth members enrolling through the Verde Valley Fair must complete and return an Organized Youth packet to their leader for submission. (See entries below)
 - ◆ All leaders are required to sign a Verde Valley Fair leader agreement form, even if registered through 4-H and FFA programs, AND attend the annual Leader's Meeting. This is required to ensure that all leaders are informed of important Fair information and deadlines.
 - ◆ Organized Youth Clubs must be composed of at least five members.

ENTRIES

- ◇ All online entries, fees, livestock paperwork, & photos MUST be submitted prior to online entry deadlines.

- ◆ The members and parents fully understand the conditions of competing and selling livestock, and will be required to sign an entry form which states they have read and will comply with the 2026 Verde Valley Fair Livestock Rules.
- ◆ All livestock paperwork (See pg 16-17), including, photos, documents, and fees, MUST be submitted online prior to the entry deadline. Breeder livestock ear tags are also required (per AZDA Regulations) to be on animal *before* being tagged with the Verde Valley Fair ear tags. Animals will be turned away and not tagged if all requirements are not met, and all paperwork completed & submitted.
- ◆ Small stock entries must include the breed on their online entry to be considered a complete entry.
- ◆ A current color photograph must be uploaded to all online entries for ALL animals entered in Fair. The photo must show the exhibitor and the entire right side of the animal.
- ◆ Quality Assurance MUST be completed prior to time of entry. The Quality Assurance must be valid through fair.
- ◆ Online entries and document uploading will NOT be accepted after entry deadline.
-NO EXCEPTIONS-
- ◆ No paperwork will be accepted at tag-in.
- ◆ ALL ENTRIES ARE ONLINE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EGGS and RODEO.
- ◆ Booster entries will be online. Boosters will be Show and Go.
- ◆ Egg entries are paper only. Entry and eggs should be dropped off by Tuesday at 5 pm (eggs can be dropped off before Tuesday) Egg entry forms can be found on the Verde Valley Fair website. www.vvfair.com
- ◇ All fees must be paid on or prior to the online entry deadline.
- ◇ No entry will be allowed after the posted online entry deadline.
- ◇ The online entry link is available at the Verde Valley Fair website, www.vvfair.com under the Forms TAB. If you do not have access to a computer please seek assistance from your FFA, 4H, or organized youth leader. Computers will also be available during normal business hours at the Verde Valley Fair office. The online entry form must be complete. A parent or legal guardian should assist exhibitors with the online entry.
- ◇ **Entry and other fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.** Entries declined due to lack of required information will not receive a refund.
- ◇ The Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry or application, to limit entries to available facilities, and to limit the number of entries by an exhibitor. The return of entries under this rule will be done generally and without discrimination on a first come, first served basis.
- ◇ The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the exhibitor, or responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee for violation of Fair rules without recourse against Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc. Disciplinary action may include disqualification, withholding of premiums, sale proceeds or awards, fines, prohibition from future participation and/or reporting violations to government agencies or other fairs and livestock shows.
- ◇ Exhibitors may show ONE breeding/dairy animal per class, TWO entries may be submitted per class but only one may be brought to the fair.

- ◇ By entering animals in the fair you consent that your animal may be used for Round Robin or other livestock contest at consent of the livestock committee. A sign will be left on pens signifying the animals' use by the fair. No exceptions.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Under no circumstances will substitution of Organized Youth Livestock Entries be permitted.

FEES

- ◇ The following fees are due with the entry forms:

Verde Valley Bred and Fed (Market Only)	\$10.00 hd
Market Beef, Lambs, Hogs, Goats	\$15.00/hd
Dairy Cattle.....	\$15.00/hd
Breeding Beef, Sheep, Goats, Swine	\$15.00/hd
Goats (Pygmy, Angora & Dairy)(per Dam)(offspring additional entry)	\$15.00/hd
Turkey.....	\$15.00/ hd
Meat Pens—Rabbit and Poultry.....	\$15.00/pen
Small Stock (Rabbits, Poultry, Waterfowl, Pigeons & Cavy).. <td>\$5.00/hd</td>	\$5.00/hd
BOOSTER—(Rabbits, Poultry, Waterfowl, Pigeons & Cavy) ..	\$5.00/hd
BOOSTER—Turkey/Pigeon/Nigerian/Pygmy	\$10.00/hd
Horse.....	\$25.00 hd
Eggs.....	\$5.00/entry
Open Large Stock	\$15.00/hd
Open Small Stock	\$5.00/ hd

INTERPRETATION

- ◇ The Verde Valley Fair Association, Board of Directors, and Fair Livestock Committee, or their representatives reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations, arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard to or arising out of or connected with this Fair, and the right to amend or to add to these rules as it is deemed necessary. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalty as the Fair Livestock Committee may order.
- ◇ All questions in dispute or differences not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Board of Directors along with a representatives of the Fair Livestock Committee and the Superintendent of the department in question. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

LIABILITY

- ◇ All exhibitors will be under the control and direction of the Fair Management, but Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc. or its officers,, directors, agents, or employees will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may occur to him or his officers, agents, employees, or animals during the Fair. The exhibitor shall indemnify the Fair against any and all legal proceedings in regard to the above and against damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, his officers, agents, employees, or animals.
- ◇ Purchasing a market animal does not guarantee that the animal will be eligible to exhibit at the fair; exhibiting at the fair does not guarantee that the animal

will be sold at the auction; selling an animal in the auction does not guarantee that a profit will be made.

- ◇ Livestock shall remain in the care, custody and control of the entrant. The entrant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Verde Valley Fair Association, Verde Valley Fair Board of Directors and Fair Livestock Committee, it's employees, officers, agents or representatives for any injury, property damage, and any real, incidental or consequential damages resulting from the livestock or caused by the livestock. The Verde Valley Fair Association will not be held responsible for any loss or damage caused by or arising out of strikes, riots, lockouts, terrorism, or acts of God.
- ◇ The Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc. is not able to cash checks.

CONDUCT

- ◇ Direct criticism or interference with the judge, livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or Fair officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, livestock show management, or other Fair officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- ◇ All leaders must sign a Verde Valley Fair Volunteer Policy and Code of Conduct with their leader application. A copy of this policy will be available in the Verde Valley Fair Office and also the Livestock Office.
- ◇ Exhibitors are expected to properly care for their animals and to maintain the cleanliness of their animals, stalls and pens. Department Superintendents will notify exhibitors of improper care. The Superintendent, in concurrence with the Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee, may disqualify the animal(s) and require immediate removal from the grounds if improper care continues after notification.
- ◇ Only members in good standing will be allowed to exhibit or sell any livestock through the Fair auction ring. The appropriate leader will notify the exhibitor and Fair office two (2) weeks prior to the Fair, in writing, if the exhibitor is not in good standing.
- ◇ All exhibitors are to conduct themselves in a proper manner; this includes proper behavior and dress. Any gross violation of this rule, as interpreted by the Fair Livestock Committee, will be grounds for expulsion of the exhibitor and his/her exhibit from the fairgrounds.
- ◇ Use of inappropriate language or conduct by the exhibitors is prohibited and is grounds for disqualification. Use of inappropriate language by parents, leaders or advisors is prohibited. Violators will be asked to leave the barn or show/sale ring area, and the exhibitor and animal may be excluded from the sale.
- ◇ Consumption of alcohol, tobacco of any form, or use of illegal drugs by exhibitors will result in automatic disqualification. Violation of these rules will result in expulsion from the barn, show ring, sale ring, or fairgrounds.

JUDGES

- ◇ All judges will be selected by the Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc., and will not be disclosed until time of show. The reputation and ability of a judge is considered during the selection process.
- ◇ Judges may have to explain their placing. This is part of the educational process which assists exhibitors and livestock producers to improve their herds.
- ◇ Judges will make no award where, in their opinion, the exhibit is not worthy, regardless of the number of exhibits in the Lot or Class.
- ◇ The decisions of judges are final and appeals will not be considered. When fraud, misrepresentation, error or collusion is discovered, the Fair Management or appointed referee may change final placement.
- ◇ No parent/leader/exhibitor shall interfere in any way, either making suggestions or arguing with a judge. They will be barred from the exhibition for any violation to this rule.

PROTESTS

- ◇ A written protest must be delivered to the appropriate Division Superintendent within six hours of a protested occurrence. A \$25 deposit must accompany the protest. Protests will be adjudicated by the Board of Directors, along with a representative of the Fair Livestock Committee and the Superintendent of the department in question. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.
- ◇ Protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal, with specific charges and recital of the facts relied upon or the rule violated, naming witnesses and their addresses by whom proofs are to be made. No protests of weights will be allowed.
- ◇ If the protest thus lodged is found to be valid by a majority of the Fair Livestock Committee, the fee/deposit shall be returned to the person or persons lodging the protest. If the protest thus lodged is found to be invalid, said fee shall be forfeited by the person or persons lodging the protest and shall become the property of the Verde Valley Fair Association.
- ◇ NO PROTEST OR APPEAL BASED UPON CHARGES OF INCOMPETENCY OF THE JUDGE WILL BE CONSIDERED.

GENERAL HARDSHIP CLAUSE

- **After tag-in:**

In the event that an Organized Youth member's project animal dies or is severely injured prior to The Verde Valley Fair, the member may borrow an animal already tagged in and show the animal in a Hardship Showmanship class only. Ribbons only will be awarded in this class.

- **After entered and prior to tag-in:**

You may petition the Committee for consideration.

SHOWS AND CONTESTS

- ◇ Exhibitors must check with posted schedule as to when their livestock will be judged. Animals must be in the ring promptly after being called. Exhibitors failing to comply with this rule may have their animals excluded from competition.
- ◇ If an exhibitor chooses not to show an animal in a class or lot, he/she must notify the Division Superintendent before the class is called.
- ◇ Exhibitor may sell only one animal. Exception: If exhibitor has another market animal not declared to auction that wins Grand or Reserve Champion, then two or more animals may go to auction by same exhibitor.
- ◇ Junior, Intermediate and Senior top Showman from each class will participate in two Round Robins - Large and Small Stock animals. If the exhibitor wins in 2 species, they will choose which species to represent and the reserve place Junior, Intermediate or Senior contestant will move up and compete in the Round Robin. Proper attire for competition required. (Refer to pg. 56 for Round Robin Competition)
- ◇ **If Exhibitors are showing the same species in both breeding and market, they may choose which animal they want to show in the showmanship class. NO INTACT males may be shown in the showmanship class.**

AWARDS

- ◇ Judges shall award blue, red, white, etc. places according to merit; if without merit, the judge shall make no award under any circumstances. This rule applies whether there are one or more entries in a class or lot.
- ◇ **White ribbon animals will start at fair market price in the auction.**

PHOTOGRAPHS

- ◇ The Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc. reserves the right to use any and all photographs and films taken during the Fair for publicity purposes.

DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS

- ◇ ONLY animals participating in the Fair are permitted to be on the Fairgrounds during the Fair, other than service or entertainment animals.

GROUPS ACCESS AND PARKING

- ◇ Organized Youth exhibitors and recognized Leaders will receive gate passes for the Fair. Parents, family, friends, etc., WILL NOT receive free gate admission on any date or time during the Fair. Persons needing to assist youth members while on the fairgrounds must purchase gate admission. It is highly recommended to purchase a Fair discount pass through the Verde Valley Fair Office by the Tuesday before the opening day of the Fair. Discount passes will not be available for purchase after this date. For further information regarding discount passes, please contact the Fair office at (928) 634-3290.
- ◇ Vehicles must park in designated areas. Improperly parked vehicles and trailers are subject to removal by the Fair Management at owner's expense. Owners of vehicles or trailers towed by Fair Management will be fined \$50 in addition to towing expense.
- ◇ After unloading, livestock trailers must leave the property.
- ◇ Due to state liquor regulations, **NO OPEN DRINK CONTAINERS OR OUTSIDE FOOD** may be brought into a controlled licensed premise. Unopened/sealed water bottles will be allowed; please finish any other drinks or food you might bring before leaving your car and heading toward the gates.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- ◇ Use of skateboards, roller blades, bicycles, scooters, mopeds and other similar modes of transportation are prohibited on the grounds at the Verde Valley Fair. Security is authorized to confiscate and hold these items until the end of the Fair.

EXHIBITOR QUALIFICATIONS

- ◇ Age Eligibility: Organized Youth Exhibitors must be formally enrolled and a member in good standing in 4-H, FFA, or a Verde Valley Fair Association approved Organized Youth Club, duly certified by their 4-H leader or FFA advisor, and at least eight (8) years of age and less than nineteen (19) years of age on January 1, 2026, unless they are a Booster. This age may be extended for exhibitors enrolled in High School and for individuals with a documented mental or physical disability who have continued eligibility for public education until their 22nd birthday. High school graduates must be enrolled in a Verde Valley Fair Organized Youth Club and actively seeking their FFA American Degree. Exception to this policy must be approved by the Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee. Documentation must be provided to the Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc. regarding either exception.

- ◇ All members must be enrolled in an Organized Youth Program approved by the Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc. throughout the time the animals are on a feeding program, and up to and throughout the fair.
- ◇ All exhibitors showing/participating in an Organized Youth Group **must** declare a showmanship class **by** their entry due date, excluding **intact males**. **Showmanship classes CANNOT change thereafter.** The showmanship classes and their requirements are:
 - ◆ Booster - 7 years of age and under (may only show small stock animals or Nigerian Goats. No market or large stock animals) Boosters show in Showmanship only (not Conformation). Boosters will not receive placing awards. (see page 55) (Goats must have a seasonal pass)
 - ◆ Junior - 8 years and less than 12 years of age on or before January 1, 2026
 - ◆ Intermediate—12 years and less than 16 years old on or before January 1, 2026
 - ◆ Senior - 16 years to 19 years on or before January 1, 2026, unless per bullet 1 under Exhibitor Qualifications pertains to exhibitor.
 - ◆ Open— to all residents of Verde Valley. All animals must have lease or ownership papers and proper AZ State livestock papers.
- ◇ Any resident outside of the Verde Valley must see page 6.
- ◇ All Youth exhibitors, including Boosters, can exhibit only animals which are their youth project under the supervision of a 4-H Club Leader, FFA Advisor, Organized Youth Club Leader, or Parent of an Open Class Exhibitor, who must sign the entry certifying the exhibitor is in good standing and the project is owned and in continuous possession of the exhibitor.
- ◇ **Small Stock Animals include:**
 - Cavies, Rabbits, Poultry, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, Pigeons, **Pygmy Goats and Dairy Goats.**
- ◇ **Large Stock Animals include:**
 - Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Lamb, Market Goats, Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Meat Goat, and Breeding Swine.

LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES

(We reserve the right to limit breeding entries to “show and go”,
based on facility space.)

OWNERSHIP

- To support the integrity of Organized Youth Market Livestock projects participating in the Verde Valley Fair, market animals will be ear tagged at the start of the feeding program, and the animal’s official ear number and member’s name will be recorded by the Fair Livestock Committee.
- **The online entries, fees, photos, and all livestock paperwork are due by the entry deadline date. Participants must submit completed online entries to the Verde Valley Fair by:**

Market Beef.....October 16, 2025 before 11:59 p.m.

Market Beef Tag-in.....November 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

- Other entry deadlines:
 - Market Lamb.....January 15, 2026 before 11:59 p.m.
 - Market Swine.....January 15, 2026 before 11:59 p.m.
 - Market Goat.....January 15, 2026 before 11:59 p.m.
 - Breeding Stock.....January 15, 2026 before 11:59 p.m.
 - Heifers and Dairy Cattle.....January 15, 2026 before 11:59 p.m.
 - Goats other than Market.....January 15, 2026 before 11:59 p.m.
 - Small Stock..... January 15, 2026 before 11:59 p.m.
 - All Turkeys January 15, 2026 before 11:59 p.m.
 - BoostersJanuary 15, 2026 before 11:59 p.m.

Market Lamb, Swine, and Goat tag-in.....February 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Rabbit Meat Pens.....March 19, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.
Roaster Rabbits.....February 19, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.
Poultry Meat Pens.....March 19, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.
Doe and Litter.....March 19, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.
Open Livestock (lg. and sm. Stock).....March 19, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.
Horse.....April 9, 2026 by 2:00 p.m.

- Prior to the Verde Valley Fair, Organized Youth Exhibitors must have continuously **owned and personally cared for their animals as of their entry dates.**
- Violation of ownership or possession requirements is considered an ethical violation and will result in disqualification of the exhibitor, forfeiture of sale proceeds and may result in exhibitor being barred from future participation.

Organized Youth exhibitors are not eligible to exhibit as a member of a partnership. Animals jointly owned by two or more exhibitors are not eligible to enter the Organized Youth Show.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

- ◇ Upon arrival, all livestock exhibitors are to report to the appropriate barn to receive stall or pen assignments. Upon departure, all exhibitors of cattle, sheep, goats and swine must obtain a release from the Livestock Office or Superintendent before leaving the grounds.
- ◇ Animals are not to be placed in pens until they have been checked-in with the Superintendent and vet checked.
- ◇ Exhibitors will be responsible for transportation of exhibits to and from Fair.
- ◇ Any and all exhibits not picked up by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, or arrangements made for otherwise, will be disposed of at the discretion of the Fair Livestock Committee.
- ◇ **ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO THOROUGHLY CLEAN THEIR STALL/PEN AREA** between 3:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday. Small Stock and Breeding Animals may not be checked out until pens are clean and checked by a Superintendent. All cleaning of Market Animal pens should be completed by 5:00 p.m. Sunday. If an extension is absolutely necessary. One additional week will be allotted. Proceed checks will be held until completed.
- ◇ The exhibitor will be responsible for the care and liability of the animal(s) until 5:00 p.m. Sunday

LIVESTOCK INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

- An Arizona Department of Agriculture Self-inspection certificate is required. A Self-inspection certificate is obtained from your seller or by calling (602) 542-6407. The Seasonal Self-inspection certificate must list a complete description of each animal including, if present, a USDA metal ear tag, an official National Animal Identification System ear tag, an electronic ear tag, a registration tattoo number, a registration brand from a breed association, or an Arizona registered brand. Certificate must be in the exhibitors name.
- Livestock inspection certificates are not required to be uploaded with entries but they are required by the Department of Agriculture to obtain a Seasonal Pass. Large stock will only need a current seasonal pass to upload with online entries. It acts as the new inspection paper.

SEASONAL PASS (also includes swine)

- Issued by the Arizona Department of Agriculture. Go to www.seasonalpass.azda.gov. This pass is good for one year. You must provide proof of ownership or animal must be inspected by an Animal Health and welfare officer/Inspector by calling 1-800-294-0305. Animals may not be added to existing passes, a new online application must be submitted.
- Seasonal passes MUST be dated by entry due date (page 16)
- Seasonal Passes must accompany the animals whenever they are moved. **In the space provided on the pass you must list the date of each movement, name of exhibition, location and return date.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY:

VERDE VALLEY BRED AND FED

- ◇ All eligible market species may enter the Verde Valley Bred and Fed.
- ◇ Must have been bred, born, and raised in the Verde Valley.
- ◇ Exhibitors must be a resident of the Verde Valley, approved outside residents are not eligible.
- ◇ Animals exhibited must be purchased from a breeder that resides in the Verde Valley, animals purchased from outside the Verde Valley are not eligible for this class.
- ◇ Animals must be fed by the resident exhibitor in the boundaries of the Verde Valley.
- ◇ Classes will immediately follow respective species market show, only market animals will have bred and fed classes.
- ◇ Entry is for a chance to show in Bred and Fed
- ◇ Only top 2 bred and fed per class will show in Bred and Fed
- ◇ If overall Champion and/or reserve are also Bred and Fed, will be assumed Bred and Fed Champions.
- ◇ Bill of Sale must verify Verde Valley as the place of breeding and birth, Seller name, physical address and place of breeding,. Exhibitor must fill out the approved Bred and Fed Form on www.vvfair.com website under forms TAB.

BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE

- ◇ COMPLETED ONLINE ENTRY & FEE
- ◇ COPY OF SEASONAL PASS - (See pg 16)
- ◇ COPY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATE - (See pg 22)
(except Breeding Beef, Heifer and Dairy)
- ◇ PHOTO OF RIGHT SIDE OF ANIMAL WITH EXHIBITOR

SHEEP AND GOAT

- ◇ COMPLETED ONLINE ENTRY & FEE
- ◇ COPY OF SEASONAL PASS - (See pg 16)
- ◇ COPY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATE - (Except Pygmy, Angora, Dairy, Breeding Meat Goat and Breeding Sheep)
- ◇ PHOTO OF RIGHT SIDE OF ANIMAL WITH EXHIBITOR

SWINE

- ◇ COMPLETED ONLINE ENTRY FORM & FEE
- ◇ COPY OF SEASONAL PASS - (See pg 16)
- ◇ COPY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATE - (See pg 22)
(Except Breeding Swine)
- ◇ PHOTO OF RIGHT SIDE OF ANIMAL WITH EXHIBITOR

TAG-IN:

- To be tagged-in, all breeder tags must be in place, & all required paperwork and fees listed above, **must** have been submitted **by** deadline.
- The Verde Valley Fair ear tag is the official entry number. Fair officials must be notified immediately if an animal loses its ear tag.
- ◇ **IDENTIFICATION** – All sheep, meat goats, pygmy goats, and dairy goats, in-state and out-of-state, must have official Scrapie identification tags. (Which requires that the seller/breeder have a premises identification number). *Neutered sheep and neutered goats (wethers) less than 18 months of age are exempt from the official identification requirement.* Contact the state veterinarian in your state for more information on official Scrapie identification.

IDENTIFICATION – Swine must be individually and permanently identified with a Pseudo Rabies premises identification number applied as a tattoo or tamperproof ear tag, as well as with an ear notch that conforms to the universal swine ear notch system. Pseudo Rabies premises identification and ear notches are required, no exceptions. For a Pseudo Rabies premises identification number contact the state veterinarian in your state..

◇ **IDENTIFICATION** – All Out of State Cattle must have a NPIN metal ear tag.

WEIGH-IN/CHECK-IN

- ◇ **At fair check-in, animals will be officially weighed one time only. If questions arise about the animal's weight, that animal will be taken off the scale, the scale checked and balanced, and the animal re-weighed immediately. This 2nd weight will be used as the sale weight. The animal in question cannot leave the scale area until the scale dispute is settled. If an exhibitor leaves the scale area without registering a protest, the scale weight is considered correct.**
- ◇ If animals do not make weight, whether over or under, exhibitor may still show their animal in Showmanship but not in Conformation, and may **not** go through the Livestock Auction.
- ◇ Feeder Class—if 3 or more animals per species are under weight, a feeder class will be established, not auction eligible.
- ◇ A member may have two (2) animals of the same species in a project and both animals may be ear tagged. However, only one animal may be shown in a market class. At fair check-in, a decision must be made as to which one will be the market animal. Only 1 animal will be weighed, which will be the market animal. The other tagged animal **MAY NOT** replace the animal sifted at the scale, and must leave the premises immediately. Unless also entered as breeding project and entry fees have been turned in by breeding entry deadline.
- ◇ Check-in is from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 28, 2026. **All** Animals will arrive at designated times for check-in. Exhibitors must wait in lines to be checked by a vet and weighed before entering barns. You **MUST** be in line by 5:00 p.m.
- ◇ Original Seasonal Pass must accompany all market animals and be turned in to Livestock Committee at Check-In.
- ◇ Exhibitor ID packets will be handed out to all exhibitors after they check in their animals.

STALLS/PENS

- ◇ All animals in the Organized Youth Show must be stalled in the designated stall or pen during the entire Fair. Animals may not be removed from this area. Exhibitors may not switch pens without approval of Livestock Office.
- ◇ All exhibitors are required to provide their own bedding material. Bedding material must be shavings (chips or wood pellets are acceptable) straw is not allowed. No chemicals shall be used within the livestock pens or barn area. Only plastic or rubber (no paint buckets) can be used in the pens for feed and water as approved by the superintendent.

- ◇ Do not use any wood or metal containers. Unapproved containers are to be removed immediately upon request of the Superintendent.
- ◇ Entries will be stalled by Club or Chapter, and by species.
- ◇ Barns are to be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. daily. Exhibitors must bring their own cleaning equipment. Please be sure to mark your equipment so it can be identified.

FITTING

- ◇ Organized Youth animals must be fitted in the designated area and cared for by the Organized Youth Exhibitor.
 - ◇ Only immediate family members, current Verde Valley Fair livestock exhibitors, or approved Verde Valley Fair Leaders within the exhibitor's division (4H, FFA, or organized youth group) are allowed to ASSIST the exhibitor in fitting and overall care of their project animal(s). The exhibitor must be present and physically engaged at ALL times while assistance is being offered. (Physical presence is NOT considered active participation or physically engaged.) Absolutely no outside fitters, feeders, or consultants will be allowed. The intent of this rule is to have the exhibitor, their family, more experienced exhibitors, or approved leader help the exhibitor along with their learning process. Those deemed trying to violate the intent of the rule shall be penalized as outlined in rule #2 below.
- 1) Leaders, assistant leaders, or anyone else interested in helping the youth livestock exhibitors must become certified as an approved Verde Valley Fair Leader. An approved Verde Valley Fair Leader is defined as any adult, 18 years of age or older, who has completed a Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee Leader/Volunteer Registration Form, Resides in the Verde Valley, or is an immediate family member of an exhibitor that qualifies. This form must be completed and submitted to the Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee no later than the time of specie ear tagging. All adult leaders, even if they are certified 4-H, FFA advisors, or organized youth group leaders, must register with the Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee in order to become approved, (**Leader/Volunteer Registration Form**).
 - 2) Upon first violation of this rule, the exhibitor will have a \$100 fine deducted from their auction sales check or, if the animal has been declared a no sale, a \$100 fine will be required by immediate payment, and the violating party must immediately stop assisting. If a second violation is found, or violating party continues anytime during the fair they will be asked to leave, the exhibitor and their animal entries will be removed from the fairgrounds and auction.
 - 3) All Approved Hands on Applicants must attend the Mandatory Tuesday, April 28, 2026 meeting, sign the code of conduct form and have no criminal activity or arrests.

UNETHICAL FITTING

- ◇ Exhibitors are prohibited from showing unethically fitted livestock or livestock of an ineligible age for exhibition. Unethical fitting is any method altering the natural contour, conformation, or appearance of any part of the animal's body. This includes, but is not limited to, surgery, injection, or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or flesh of an animal. Animals will be disqualified, if in the opinion of the Judge or Fair Management, the animal displays signs of having been operated on or tampered with to conceal faults in conformation or to misrepresent the soundness of the animal.
- ◇ No change to the major color pattern of the animal will be allowed, including painting or dying. Exhibitors may use adhesive to build up their animal's natural hair on their legs and tail head, they may cover the adhesive residue with the animal's natural color paint but ONLY on the animal's legs and tail head. Oils for swine must be a non-colored livestock product, and must be labeled for "livestock use." (baby powder is not for livestock use). Violations will result in disqualification of the animal.
- ◇ Exhibitors are permitted to use adhesive and show sheen or like substance in moderation, to fit their animal.

UNETHICAL FITTING CONTINUED:

- ◇ The Verde Valley Fair Association does not advocate the holding of feed and/or water by an exhibitor in order for their project animal to achieve a weight requirement.
- ◇ The use of inhumane fitting and/or handling practices or devices shall not be tolerated. Examples are, but are not limited to, striking of the animals to cause swelling, lacerations, or breaking of any body part.

SECURITY

- ◇ Livestock barns will be locked, with no access available between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. This will begin the evening of check-in and continue through the Fair. Livestock barns will be locked at 5:00 p.m. Sunday for market animal removal.
- ◇ When animal barns are closed for any reason, **ALL PARENTS, LEADERS, AND VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE CLOSED AREA. ALL ANIMALS MUST ENTER BARN THROUGH LANES.**

SIFTING

- ◇ The Fair Livestock Committee may sift animals at any time for inferior quality and excessive shrinkage even though the animal made weight. Animals considered uncontrollable will be sifted immediately by the Fair Livestock Committee.
- ◇ At the time of judging, animals may be sifted by the judge for type, quality and finish. The decision of the judge will be final.
- ◇ When an animal is ear-tagged and is subsequently sifted for a medical reason, the member will have 15 days to find a replacement animal or correct the medical problem. No replacement animals will be allowed unless they are sifted at ear tagging, this includes loss because of injury or death.
- ◇ See Livestock Health Rules section for more information on sifting of animals during Fair.
- ◇ If animal is sifted, the animal is required to leave immediately.

SHOW RING

- ◇ Show numbers must be worn on the exhibitors back while showing animals in the ring including the auction. Show numbers are provided.
- ◇ Animals bearing (but not limited to) graffiti, glitter, ribbons, bows, and articles of clothing, will not be allowed in the Show Ring.
- ◇ Exhibitors must show their own animal in the show ring.
- ◇ Exhibitors must wear official club clothing in the Show ring.

EXHIBITOR DRESS

- ◇ Organized youth exhibitors represent their Club or Chapter as well as youth in Agriculture. Organized Youth Exhibitors are required to wear official club attire in the Show Ring and Organized Youth Auction. Official attire must be clean and neat and must include a minimum of a long sleeve, solid-colored collared shirt (tucked in), black or dark blue pants and closed-toed shoes. No t-shirts or hats will be allowed. **All** exhibitors showing in Dairy are required to wear “Show Whites”. Show Whites consist of a white long-sleeved collared shirt (tucked in), white pants, and closed-toe shoes.
- ◇ Exhibitors showing in Horse are required to wear long-sleeved shirt with collar (including tuxedo and stand-ups). No polo shirts. Jeans or western-type pants. Western boots with heel, no riding sneakers. Standard western hat or ASTM approved helmet (no cap types), chaps, gloves, belts and spurs are optional.

TESTING ENTRIES

- ◇ The Verde Valley Fair is a zero tolerance Fair and the Fair Rules and Regulations will be strictly enforced. Testing of market animals may include random drug tests.
- ◇ All market animals entered will be subject to testing for any foreign substance including drugs, chemicals or feed additives.
- ◇ When an exhibitor, parent, guardian, or leader completes the online entry form, they are granting permission to the Verde Valley Fair to test the exhibitor's animal(s).
- ◇ Test samples must be free of any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, unless otherwise established as permissible by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- ◇ Animals that test positive for an unapproved foreign substance, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, will be disqualified and ineligible for premiums or sale proceeds. The disqualified animal's carcass will be disposed of.
- ◇ If an animal is disqualified, changes will be made to the placing of other animals. The owner of the disqualified animal, their leader, and his/her immediate family members may be reported to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Association Rule Infraction Database.
- ◇ The individual(s) responsible for the action causing disqualification will be barred from competing in any future Verde Valley Fair Livestock Shows.

MARKET LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE

- ◇ All exhibitors of market animals must comply with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act, the National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the Wholesome Assurance Statement as published herein. Health Regulations of the US 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.
- ◇ All exhibitors with animals going through the auction will be required to attend Quality Assurance Training, or be current with certification. Certification must be completed annually. <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

USDA WHOLESOME MEAT ACT

- ◇ The US Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Verde Valley Fair as follows:
 - ◆ Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
 - ◆ Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
 - ◆ Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug.
 - ◆ Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
 - ◆ If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass will be condemned.
 - ◆ If drug or other chemical residues are found in the urine, blood or tissue of carcasses of animals sold through sale or sales connected with the Verde Valley Fair, the Fair will in no way be liable or responsible for condition of carcass or sale price of animal. Exhibitor will forfeit all rights to the sale proceeds.

WHOLESOME ASSURANCE STATEMENT

The use of animal drugs or other substances by non-veterinarians in any manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by FDA, is a violation of federal law. Food animals must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals. Violation results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.

* Note: Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

PLEASE CONSULT YOUR PROJECT LEADER IF YOU DO NOT
UNDERSTAND ANY OF THESE STATEMENTS

LIVESTOCK HEALTH RULES

- ◇ The Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee is in charge of sanitary conditions, and livestock buildings. All Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for livestock entries are subject to the approval of the official show veterinarian. The Arizona Department of Agriculture will issue inspection paper, when necessary, for livestock shipped out at the close of the Fair.
- ◇ All animals must be in good health. No animals may be allowed to enter in the Show or on the Grounds that are currently under quarantine for, or recently exposed to, infectious or contagious diseases, or that have evidence of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases, such as, but not limited to, mange, lice, ringworm, abscesses or ulcerations.
- ◇ No stags will be allowed in any market class. This means the complete removal of the testes with no development of secondary sex characteristics of the animal.
- ◇ No unhealthy animals that are discovered visibly sick, or those showing signs of active internal or external parasites or fungal infections will be allowed to be sold or stay on the fairgrounds. If a question arises as to the health of the animal, a Fair Livestock Committee decision will be made. The animals removal must be overseen by and coordinated with the official Fair veterinarian, whom will be summoned at the expense of the owner or exhibitor. This includes deformed and injured animals. Under no circumstances will the Fair Livestock Committee be held liable for such removal. The show pens or stalls in which diseased animal or animals were housed will be cleaned and disinfected by exhibitor, and overseen and approved by the Superintendent. Any animals transported to the Fair with the diseased animal are subject to dismissal from the fairgrounds.
- ◇ All market animals must meet withdrawal times for any medicine or drug that may have been used; the exhibitor will be responsible for infractions.
- ◇ It is the sole responsibility of each exhibitor to learn about and adhere to all state and federal livestock requirements, whether or not published in this rule book. The Verde Valley Fair Association takes no responsibility for exhibitors not knowing or abiding by State or Federal regulations.

AUCTION RULES

- ◇ **FINAL AUCTION DECLARATION must be declared at the scale during check-in at the fair.**
- ◇ Two or more market animals (beef, swine, lamb, or goat) of different species may be shown. The exhibitor may sell one animal at the auction. **The exhibitor MUST declare which animal they will be selling on their online entry.** **If exhibitor has animal not declared to auction that wins Grand or Reserve Champion, two or more animals may go to auction by same exhibitor.** After the sale, the animal is the property of the buyer. Exhibitors may not approach the buyer and ask for the animal back. It is up to the buyer to return the animal to the exhibitor if *they* so choose.
- ◇ Only large livestock market entries and market small stock that meet all requirements will be eligible to sell at auction. No large stock breeding animals, non-market small stock, or over and underweight animals will be allowed to sell.
- ◇ Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc. may apply premium or auction proceeds to amounts owed by an exhibitor or their immediate family members. If such amounts owed are deducted from premium or auction proceeds, a \$25.00 administrative fee will also be deducted.
- ◇ All exhibitors must show in conformation and showmanship **in the species** to be sold to be eligible to sell at the auction. Exhibitors are required to sell their own animal. If there is a conflict or a need arises, it must be brought before the Fair Livestock Committee for special consideration (according to the Verde Valley Fair Policy and Procedure Manual.)
- ◇ Market Animals cannot have been offered for sale at a Market Auction at any other community, county, state or national livestock show or fair.
- ◇ Exhibitors may **only** sell one(**1**) animal or meat pen through the auction. However, all Grand and Reserve Market animals **must** sell. (See above)
- ◇ All exhibitors must declare on their entry form whether they plan to auction an animal or not and which animal. If an exhibitor chooses to remove their animal from the auction, unless the animal won Grand or Reserve Champion, (See above) they must notify the livestock office in writing by Noon (12:00) on Friday May 1., 2026.
- ◇ If an animal is not removed from the auction by this time, it will be placed on the sale order. An exhibitor may not sell the same animal in subsequent years.
- ◇ Animals bearing graffiti, glitter, ribbons, bows, and articles of clothing or anything that distracts from the animal's natural appearance will not be allowed in the Sale Ring. Exhibitor, animals and awards only. No props will be allowed. At Auction, exhibitors can not have the auctioneer make announcements for them.
- ◇ Exhibitors must wear official club clothing in the Sale ring. With show number on their back.

- ◇ Animals that test positive for an unapproved foreign substance, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, will be disqualified and ineligible for premiums or sale proceeds. The disqualified animal's carcass will be disposed of.
- ◇ If residues from foreign substances, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, are found in the carcass tissue of an animal sold through the Verde Valley Fair, the Verde Valley Fair will NOT be liable or responsible for condition of the carcass or sale price of the animal.
- ◇ **Sale order:** At the discretion of the Livestock Committee, some white ribbon animals and small stock may be placed at the beginning of the sale, followed by Grand Champions, Reserve champions, V. V. Bred & Fed champions and then Blue, Red, and White Ribbons.
- ◇ Under no circumstances will an exhibitor whose sole sale prospect becomes sick or injured to the point of being unable to show or has been otherwise termed as unfit, be allowed to sell in the Livestock Auction.
- ◇ The Verde Valley Fair does not guarantee the sale of any animal. Every effort will be made to market each animal while in the auction ring.
- ◇ The Verde Valley Fair will process all add-ons and go directly to the intended youth livestock exhibitor.

PRIVATE TREATY SALES

- ◇ If a Private Treaty Buyer wants their **swine, turkey, poultry meat pen** to ship with market animals on trucks contracted by the Verde Valley Fair Association, the sale **must** be recorded and paid for with the Fair office by 1 pm on Sunday, May 3,, 2026. A seven (7%) percent commission will be withheld from the exhibitors check to cover applicable charges. If the Verde Valley Fair Auction Office is not notified by 1 pm Sunday, May 3,, 2026, following the auction on Saturday, of the shipping instructions, the animal must be removed from the Verde Valley Fairgrounds by 5:00 p.m. Sunday. **All other sales must go home with the buyer and not go on the processing trucks.**
- ◇ Exhibited animals may only be advertised for sale by private treaty **AFTER COMPLETION OF THE AUCTION. NO “FOR SALE “ SIGNS ALLOWED ON ANY PENS UNTIL THIS TIME**
- ◇ The exhibitor will be responsible for the care and liability of the animal until 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

BUYER AND SPONSOR THANK YOU PROCEDURES

The money the youth receive from sales at the auction is often in excess of fair market value because members of the community typically wish to reward and recognize the efforts of young people who raise these animals within an educational setting. In return, the public expects to receive a wholesome product and recognition for their purchase.

It is your responsibility to thank your buyer for purchasing your animal. The annual support of the buyers makes the Verde Valley Fair a success. Taking time to thank your buyer is an important part of the process. All exhibitors are required to purchase a buyer's plaque to thank them. \$25.00 will be taken from exhibitor's auction proceed check to cover the cost. The Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee will distribute the plaques to the Buyers.

The Verde Valley Fair expects all exhibitors to personally thank their buyers with a thank you letter as well.

Thank you letters need to be turned into leaders to proofread, then leaders will turn them into the Fair office. Leaders will be required to submit all letters received from exhibitors to the Fair Office by May 29, 2026.

- ◇ Auction proceed checks will be paid within thirty (30) days from the date of the auction; providing thank you letter procedures have been met properly, and the letter has been approved.
- ◇ Age appropriate thank you letter must be written to your buyer(s) and add on donors.
- ◇ Unsealed envelope addressed to the buyer(s) and add on donors with proper postage.
- ◇ Thank You letter should be written in acceptable format (see your leader if you have questions). If you choose to buy a thank you card, there must be an additional letter inside the card to thank your buyer.
- ◇ A self-addressed stamped business size envelope for exhibitor to have check mailed to them needs to accompany thank you letter.
- ◇ When the fair office receives **and approves** the thank you letter, it will be mailed to the buyer. The check will then be sent to the exhibitor in their self-addressed stamped envelope. If the thank you letter is not appropriate, it will be returned to the exhibitor and must be re-written and returned to the fair office. All exhibitors must remember to follow the Thank You Letter procedure properly and completely, otherwise checks will not be sent until the process is completed. If the Fair office has not received the exhibitor's thank you letter and envelopes within thirty (30) days of the auction, the exhibitor's auction proceeds will be held until approved letter is received. Exhibitors have 7 calendar days from the day they are notified that their letter was rejected to re-submit a new approved letter to the office, if the letter is not received the exhibitor will forfeit their right to show the next years fair.

- ◇ Exhibitors who fail to turn in an approved Thank-You letter, with-in 30 days from Auction, forfeit their right to sell at the following years auction.
- ◇ Thank you letters to all sponsors of the trophies and buckles, are also required to be written by those exhibitors who receive such awards. Trophy and buckle winners will have a sticker attached that has the sponsor's name and address in order to fulfill the thank you letter obligation.

AUCTION PROCEED CHECKS

- ◇ Exhibitors are not paid for animals sold at the Auction until debts to the Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc. incurred by immediate family members, i.e. spouses, father, mother, sister(s), brother(s), and grandparents are paid in full.
- ◇ Exhibitors are not paid for their animals by The Verde Valley Fair until all funds have been collected from the Auction Buyers.
- ◇ Organized Youth Members that benefit from income (called a premium) in excess of \$600.00 from the Livestock Auction, are responsible for reporting this income to the IRS on form 1099. This is required to be submitted to the Fair office prior to release of your auction check.

There will be a seven (7%) percent commission deducted from the total proceeds (to defray expenses for judges, auctioneers, water, electricity, etc.) when market animals are sold through the Verde Valley Fair Livestock Auction. There will be a seven (7%) percent commission deducted from the add-on's. The deadline for Auction Add-on's is Sunday May 3, 2026 at 1 p.m.

NATIONAL SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS As adopted by the Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc.

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to organized youth class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all organized youth livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “National Code of Show Ring Ethics,” fairs and livestock shows have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with organized youth exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example.

Exhibitors and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc.. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of policies for all organized youth exhibitors and all organized youth livestock in competitive events:

- ◇ All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- ◇ Exhibitors or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- ◇ Organized youth exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the Verde Valley Fair. Project Leaders may instruct/assist a novice exhibitor.
- ◇ 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 the Verde Valley Fair is the giving of consent by the exhibitor 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 samples 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 exhibitor 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 only.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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, conformation, 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.
- ◇ Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- ◇ No exhibitor or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- ◇ The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an exhibitor or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics.
- ◇ The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the exhibitor or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the

fair or livestock show may be shared with other fairs, livestock shows and organizations of fairs or livestock shows.

- ◇ The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the exhibitor or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read this National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by this code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

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DEPARTMENT BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE

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Market Beef Ear Tagging: *Sat. Nov. 8, 2025 10:00 a.m.*
Entries/Fees Due: **Market Beef** –*Thurs. Oct 16, 2025 by 11:59 p.m.*
Breeding/Dairy –*Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.*
Show Date/Time: **Market Beef** *TBD.*
Dairy: *TBD*
Breeding: *TBD.*



Departure: **Breeding/Dairy:** *Sunday May 3,, 2026 4:00 p.m.*
Market: *Sunday May 3,, 2026 5:00 p.m.*

DIVISION 100 - MARKET STEER

*ALL GENERAL AND LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS, AND
 CATTLE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLY*

ENTRY

- ◇ Market Beef will be weighed in and ear tagged on **November 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** on the Verde Valley Fair official scale. Entry rules and regulations are available at the Verde Valley Fair Office (928) 634-3290 or online at www.vvfair.com.
- ◇ Exhibitors are required to submit the appropriate entry form and Hauling/ Inspection paperwork, photos, and fees by October 16, 2025. See additional requirements in the General Rules and Regulations section.
- ◇ A maximum of two (2) Market Beef may be tagged, but no more than one (1) is eligible to be weighed-in and shown at the Fair. (You may tag up to 2, but may bring only 1). Entry fees are due for the number of head entered. Fees are not refundable.



DIVISION 101– VV BRED and FED MARKET BEEF

- ◇ Verde Valley Bred and Fed (see pg. 16)

ELIGIBILITY

- ◇ Only dehorned cattle displaying beef type characteristics are accepted.
- ◇ Scurs longer than one inch will not be permitted.
- ◇ At weigh-in, the Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee will reject beef showing signs of sickness or abnormalities, uncontrollable temperament, or insufficient finish or quality to yield a marketable carcass. The decision of the Livestock Committee is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove the sifted entry from the grounds immediately after the decision.

WEIGHT LIMITS

- ◇ No maximum weight of beef at tag-in, but 600# is suggested a minimum weight)
- ◇ Maximum weight gain is unlimited, however, beef must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds at Fair check-in, and **MUST** have a rate of gain of at least 1.75 pounds per day.
- ◇ Exhibitors will be paid only up to 1,300 pounds at auction.
- ◇ At ear tagging, if animal is sifted for a medical reason, the member will have 15 days to find a replacement animal or correct the medical problem. No replacement animals will be allowed unless they are sifted at ear tagging for medical reasons. This includes loss because of injury or death.
- ◇ Underweight beef or those with insufficient rate of gain will be allowed to be shown in a Showmanship class but **not** in Conformation. These beef will **not** be allowed to go through the auction.
- ◇ Rate of Gain will still be calculated and awarded at Fair.

STALL SPACE

- ◇ Organized Youth Cattle will be stalled on shavings. (chips or wood pellets are acceptable)
- ◇ Barns are to be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. daily - and maintained throughout the day.
- ◇ Trash may be disposed of at the south end of the animal barns.
- ◇ Exhibitors must bring their own cleaning equipment. All equipment should be marked for identification.
- ◇ Only soft plastic or rubber (no paint buckets) can be used in the pens for feed and water. Do not use any metal or wood containers. Unapproved containers are to be removed immediately upon request of the barn superintendent.

CLASSING

- ◇ Immediately before, or after time of judging, animals may be weighed at the discretion of the Verde Valley Fair Event Committee. If there is a weight variance of 5% or more from official weight turned in by the exhibitor, the animal will be disqualified.

DIVISION 102 - BREEDING BEEF



ALL GENERAL AND LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS, AND CATTLE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLY

ENTRIES

- ◇ The Breeding Beef Entry Deadline is **January 15, 2026**. See additional requirements in the General Rules and Regulations Section. Entry fees and photos are due with online entry forms.
- ◇ Exhibitor must complete section and lot descriptions on the entry form.
- ◇ Entry Fees are \$15.00. There is an additional \$15 fee for each set of offspring per Dam shown as part of a breeding project, offspring entries need to be completed by entry deadline.
- ◇ Exhibitors may show ONE breeding animal per class, TWO entries may be submitted per class but only one may be brought to the fair.

ELIGIBILITY

- ◇ Organized Youth Breeding Beef must be the property of or have a signed lease agreement and be under the care of the member by Jan. 15, 2026.
- ◇ Animals used may be registered or graded.
- ◇ If the exhibitor has more than one animal, he/she may receive assistance with conformation from another member in good standing.
- ◇ Bulls must have a nose ring in order to show.

BARNs AND FITTING

- ◇ Barns are to be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. daily, and maintained throughout the day.
- ◇ Organized Youth Breeding Beef will be stalled on shavings (chips or wood pellets are acceptable).
- ◇ Trash may be disposed of at the south end of the animal barns.
- ◇ Exhibitors must bring their own cleaning equipment. All equipment should be marked for identification.
- ◇ Only soft plastic or rubber (no paint buckets) can be used in the pens for feed and water. Do not use any metal or wood containers. Unapproved containers are to be removed immediately upon request of the barn superintendent.

CLASSING

Class Description

1. Heifer calves under 6 months of age at Fair
2. Heifer calves 6 months to 1 year of age at Fair
3. Heifer yearling 1 to 2 years of age at Fair
4. Females 2 to 3 years of age at Fair
5. Cows, 3 to 4 years must have calf at side or have written certified vet documentation of pregnancy at time of fair. **The exhibitor will be responsible for all vet fees.**
6. Cows 4 year and over must have calf at side or have written certified vet documentation of pregnancy at time of fair. **The exhibitor will be responsible for all vet fees.**
7. Bull calves under 6 months of age at Fair
8. Bull yearling 6 months to 1 year of age at Fair
9. Bull 1 to 2 years of age at Fair
10. Aged bull over 2 years of age at Fair
11. Calf at side (for calves not born yet)

No exceptions will be made for pregnancy status, cow must be bred or with calf at side.

DIVISION 103 - BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

No intact males may be shown in showmanship

DEPARTMENT—DAIRY CATTLE

DIVISION 105- DAIRY CATTLE



*ALL GENERAL AND LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS, AND CATTLE
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLY*

ENTRIES

- ◇ The Dairy Cattle Entry Deadline is **January 15, 2026**. See additional requirements in the General Rules and Regulations Section.
- ◇ Exhibitor must complete section and lot description on the entry form.
- ◇ Entry Fees are \$15.00 per entry.
- ◇ Exhibitors may show ONE dairy animal per class, TWO entries may be submitted per class but only one may be brought to the fair.

ELIGIBILITY

- ◇ Dairy Cattle must be the property of or have a signed lease agreement and be under the care of the member by January 15, 2026.
- ◇ Animals used may be registered or graded.
- ◇ If the exhibitor has more than one animal, he/she may receive assistance with conformation from another member in good standing.

BARNS AND FITTING

- ◇ Barns are to be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. daily, and maintained throughout the day.
- ◇ Dairy Cattle will be stalled on shavings (chips or wood pellets are acceptable) .
- ◇ Trash may be disposed of at the south end of the animal barns.
- ◇ Exhibitors must bring their own cleaning equipment. All equipment should be marked for identification.
- ◇ Only soft plastic or rubber (no paint buckets) can be used in the pens for feed and water. Do not use any metal or wood containers. Unapproved containers are to be removed immediately upon request of the barn superintendent.

BREEDS AND CLASSING

- ◇ The Fair Event Committee may cancel any breed class if the number of entries is insufficient for competition. Entries in canceled classes will be transferred to the “All Other Breeds” class.

Dairy Cattle may be entered in the following breeds:

<u>BREEDS:</u>	102-A	Holstein	102-B	Jersey
	102-C	Guernsey	102-D	Other

Class Description

1. Heifer calves (under 6 months of age at Fair) (or vet doc)
2. Heifers 2 years and younger at Fair
3. Cows 1 to 2 years of age at Fair
4. Cows, 2 to 4 years (Cows must have calf at side or have written certified vet documentation of pregnancy at time of fair. **The exhibitor will be responsible for all vet fees**)
5. Cows, 4 and over (Cows must have calf at side or have written certified vet documentation of pregnancy at time of fair. **The exhibitor will be responsible for all vet fees**)
6. Calf at Side
7. Bull calves under 6 months of age at Fair
8. Yearling, bull 6 months to 1 year of age at Fair
9. Bulls 1 to 2 years of age at Fair
10. Aged Bulls over 2 years of age at Fair

DIVISION 106—DAIRY CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP

DEPARTMENT SHEEP—MARKET AND BREEDING

Superintendent: Gretchen Groseta (928) 310-4427
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Market Lamb Ear Tagging: *Sat. Feb 14, 2026 10:00 a.m.*

Entries/Fees Due: **Market Lamb** - *Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59p.m.*

Breeding Sheep - *Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59p.m.*

Show Date/Time: **Market Lamb:** *TBD*

Breeding Sheep: *TBD*

Departure: **Breeding** - *Sunday May 3,, 2026 4:00 p.m.*

Market - *Sunday May 3,, 2026 5:00 p.m.*

DIVISION 110—MARKET LAMBS

**ALL GENERAL AND LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS
AND SHEEP HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLY**



ENTRIES

- ◇ Market Lamb will be ear tagged on **February 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** on the Verde Valley Fair official scale. See additional requirements in the General Rules and Regulations section. When an animal is ear tagged and is subsequently sifted for a medical reason, the member will have 15 days to find a replacement animal or correct the medical problem.
- ◇ A maximum of two (2) Market Lambs may be tagged, but no more than one (1) is eligible to be weighed-in and shown. (You may tag up to 2, but may bring only 1) Entry fees are due for the number of head tagged. Fees are not refundable.
- ◇ **Market Lambs must still have their lamb teeth, and are mouthed to verify age at the official weigh-in at Fair. No yearling teeth will be accepted.**
- ◇ No horns are permitted. No scurs longer than 1 inch are permitted.

DIVISION 111—VV BRED & FED MARKET LAMBS

- ◇ Verde Valley Bred and Fed (see pg. 16)

BARN & BEDDING

- ◇ All market lambs and breeding sheep must be bedded on shavings (chips or wood pellets are acceptable) with no carpet or other synthetic material. Rubber mats can be used with shavings.
- ◇ Muzzles are allowed for all market lambs and breeding sheep, but must be mesh only.
- ◇ Barns are to be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. daily, and maintained throughout the day.
- ◇ Trash may be disposed of at the south end of the animal barns.
- ◇ Exhibitors must bring their own cleaning equipment. All equipment should be marked for identification.
- ◇ Only soft plastic or rubber (no paint buckets) can be used in the pens for feed and water. Do not use any metal or wood containers. Unapproved containers are to be removed immediately upon request of the barn superintendent.

FITTING & SHOWING

- ◇ All market lambs must be slick sheared over the entire body prior to Fair weigh-in.
- ◇ Sheep are not permitted to leave the barns or the wash rack areas.

WEIGH-IN and CLASSIFICATION

- ◇ The weight is the official weight and will be used for classing and selling. Decisions are made by the Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee, and are final.
- ◇ Minimum weight is 100 pounds.
- ◇ Exhibitors will be paid only up to 165 pounds at auction.
- ◇ Blankets are not allowed on lambs during weigh-in
- ◇ Immediately before, or after time of judging, animals may be weighed at the discretion of the Verde Valley Fair Event Committee. If there is a weight variance of 5% or more from official weight turned in by the exhibitor, the animal will be disqualified.
- ◇ Lambs will be weighed at the Fair and divided by weight into their classes. **THEY WILL NOT BE CLASSED BY BREED.**
- ◇ Under or overweight lambs will be allowed to be shown in a Showmanship class but **not** in Conformation. These lambs will **not** be allowed to go through the auction.

DIVISION 112 - BREEDING SHEEP

*ALL GENERAL AND ORGANIZED YOUTH RULES & REGULATIONS
AND SHEEP HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLY*



ENTRIES

- ◇ The Breeding Sheep entry deadline is **January 15, 2026**. See additional requirements in the General Rules and Regulations section. Entry fees and photos are due with the entry form.
- ◇ Entry Fees are \$15.00 per entry. There is an additional \$15 fee for each set of offspring per ewe shown as part of a breeding project, offspring entries need to be completed by entry deadline.
- ◇ Exhibitor must complete section and lot description on the entry form.
- ◇ Exhibitors may show ONE breeding animal per class, TWO entries may be submitted per class but only one may be brought to the fair.
- ◇ Ewes entered to show in a class at the Verde Valley Fair that lamb prior to the fair week may be accompanied by their offspring, but exhibitor/leader must notify the superintendent immediately once the lamb(s) are born so ample pen space can be provided. In addition, the lamb(s) accompanying the ewe may not enter the show ring with that ewe in her class.

OWNERSHIP

- ◇ Breeding sheep must be the property of or have a signed lease agreement and be under the care of the member by January 15, 2026.
- ◇ Animals used may be registered or grade.
- ◇ If the exhibitor has more than one animal, he/she may receive assistance with conformation from another member in good standing.

CLASSES

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	Ewe lamb
2.	Yearling Ewe, 1 to 2 years
3.	Aged Ewe, 2 years and over, must be with lamb or have lamb(s) to be shown.
4.	Ram Lamb
5.	Yearling Ram, 1 to 2 years
6.	Aged ram, 2 years and over

DIVISION 113 - SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

No intact males may be shown in showmanship

DEPARTMENT SWINE—MARKET AND BREEDING



**Superintendent: Kristie Peck (928) 301-8744
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Market Swine Ear Tagging: *Sat. Feb 14, 2026 10:00 a.m.*

Entries/Fees Due: Market Swine - Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59p.m.

Breeding Swine - Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59p.m.

Show Date/Time: Market Swine: TBD

Breeding Swine: TBD

Departure: Breeding - Sunday May 3., 2026 4:00 p.m.

Market - Sunday May 3., 2026 5:00 p.m.

DIVISION 120 - MARKET SWINE

*ALL GENERAL AND LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS
AND SWINE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLY*



ENTRIES

- ◇ Market Swine will be ear tagged **February 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** on the Verde Valley Fair official scale. See additional requirements in the General Rules and Regulations section. When an animal is ear tagged and is subsequently sifted for a medical reason, the member will have 15 days to find a replacement animal or correct the medical problem.
- ◇ A maximum of two (2) Market Swine may be tagged, but no more than one (1) is eligible to be weighed-in and shown at Fair. (You may tag up to 2, but may bring only 1) Entry fees are due for the number of head tagged. Fees are not refundable. Each hog must have federal premise ID tag at time of entry.
- ◇ Each hog entered must have ear notches at time of entry. The ear notch must be clearly marked on the Swine Ear Notch Form, which must be submitted with the entry form.
- ◇ It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to properly classify their project animals on their entry forms.
- ◇ **MARKET SWINE WILL BE DIVIDED BY WEIGHT INTO CLASSES, NOT BY BREEDS.**

DIVISION 121 - VV BRED AND FED MARKET SWINE

- ◇ Verde Valley Bred and Fed (see pg. 16)

WEIGHT LIMITS

- ◇ The minimum weight for Market Swine is 220 pounds with no maximum weight. Under weight pigs will be allowed to be shown in a Showmanship class but **not** in Conformation. These pigs will **not** be allowed to go through the Livestock Auction.
- ◇ Exhibitors will be paid only up to 280 pounds at auction.
- ◇ Excessive shrinkage WILL NOT be tolerated. Any abuse will be grounds for disqualification.
- ◇ Immediately before, or after time of judging, animals may be weighed at the discretion of the Verde Valley Fair Event Committee. If there is a weight variance of 5% or more from official weight turned in by the exhibitor, the animal will be disqualified.

BARN & BEDDING

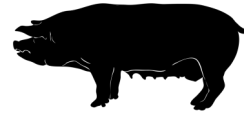
- ◇ Organized Youth Swine will be stalled on shavings (chips or wood pellets are acceptable) . **Rubber mats are REQUIRED to be used with shavings.**
- ◇ Trash may be disposed of at the south end of the animal barns.
- ◇ Exhibitors must bring their own cleaning equipment. All equipment should be marked for identification.
- ◇ Only soft plastic or rubber (no paint buckets) can be used in the pens for feed. Do not use any metal or wood containers. PVC waterers with nipple are only approved waterer for swine. Unapproved containers are to be removed immediately upon request of the barn superintendent. **They must be securely attached to the surrounding fence or pen structure to prevent tipping, spillage or removal by the animal. (No zip ties).**
- ◇ Pig waters must be maintained at all times in a condition where they do not leak

CARE AND FITTING

- ◇ At minimum, all swine must be washed prior to fair check-in.
- ◇ Barns are to be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. daily, and maintained throughout the day.
- ◇ Swine are not permitted to leave the barns or the wash rack areas.
- ◇ Only show approved products labeled for use on hogs including oil and paint are allowed and if used, must be washed thoroughly after. The only exception to this rule would be the use of Show Sheen and oils for swine must be a non-colored livestock product, must be labeled for livestock use, which will be permitted.

DIVISION 122 - BREEDING SWINE

*ALL GENERAL AND LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS
AND SWINE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLY*



ENTRIES

- ◇ The Breeding Swine entry deadline is **January 15, 2026**. See additional requirements in the General Rules and Regulations section. Entry fees and photos are due with the entry form.
- ◇ Entry Fees are \$15.00 per entry. There is an additional \$15 fee for each set of offspring per breeding swine shown as part of a breeding project, offspring entries need to be completed by entry deadline.
- ◇ Exhibitors may show ONE breeding animal per class, TWO entries may be submitted per class but only one may be brought to the fair.

ELIGIBILITY

- ◇ Breeding Swine must be the property of the exhibitor, or have a signed lease agreement and be under the care of the member by the January 15, 2026 entry deadline.
- ◇ If the exhibitor has more than one animal, he/she may receive assistance with conformation from another member in good standing.

PENS AND BEDDING

- ◇ Barns are to be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. daily, and maintained throughout the day.
- ◇ Organized Youth Breeding Swine will be stalled on shavings (chips or wood pellets are acceptable) .Rubber mats are **REQUIRED to be used with shavings**
- ◇ Trash may be disposed of at the south end of the animal barns.
- ◇ Exhibitors must bring their own cleaning equipment. All equipment should be marked for identification.
- ◇ Only soft plastic or rubber (no paint buckets) can be used in the pens for feed. Do not use any metal or wood containers. PVC waterers with nipple are only approved waterer for swine. Unapproved containers are to be removed immediately upon request of the barn superintendent. They must be securely attached to the surrounding fence or pen structure to prevent tipping, spillage or removal by the animal. (No zip ties)

CLASSING: Class Description:

1. Gilt 1 year and under (not bred)
2. Sow 1 year to aged sow--without litter but must have had a litter within the year.
3. Sow 1 year to aged sow--with litter at side
4. Boar 1 year and under
5. Boar 1 to 3 years
6. Boar 3 years and over

DIVISION 123 - SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

No intact males may be shown in showmanship

DEPARTMENT MEAT GOATS
MARKET AND BREEDING
Superintendent: Gretchen Groseta
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Market Goat Ear Tagging: *Sat. Feb 14, 2026 10:00 a.m.*
Entries/Fees Due: **Market Goat** - *Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59p.m.*
Breeding Goat - *Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59p.m.*
Show Date/Time: **Market Goat:** *TBD*
Breeding Goat: *TBD*
Departure: **Breeding** - *Sunday May 3,, 2026 4:00 p.m.*
Market - *Sunday May 3,, 2026 5:00 p.m.*

DIVISION 130 - MARKET GOAT

*ALL GENERAL AND LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS AND
GOAT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLY*



ENTRIES

- ◇ Market Goats will be ear tagged on **February 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** on the Verde Valley Fair official scale. See additional requirements in the General Rules and Regulations section. When an animal is ear tagged and is subsequently sifted for a medical reason, the member will have 15 days to find a replacement animal or correct the medical problem.
- ◇ A maximum of two (2) Market Goats may be tagged, but no more than one (1) is eligible to be weighed-in and shown. (You may tag up to 2, but may bring only 1) Entry fees are due for the number of head tagged. Fees are not refundable.
- ◇ Goats must be dehorned. Any horn re-growth (scurs) longer than 1 inch will not be permitted. Removal of horns on the grounds will result in disqualification.
- ◇ **Goats must still have all their milk teeth**, and are mouthed to verify age at the official weigh-in. Goats showing permanent incisors will be disqualified.
- ◇ Pygmy and Dairy goats may NOT go through auction or be shown as market meat goats. Goat must be a Market/Meat breed.
- ◇ Market goats need not be purebred.
- ◇ No bucks will be shown or used as a market goat.

DIVISION 131—VV BRED AND FED MARKET GOAT

- ◇ Verde Valley Bred and Fed (see pg. 16)

WEIGH-IN and CLASSING

- ◇ Prior to showing, all Market Goats will be weighed and divided into equitable weight classes as determined by the Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee. Decisions made by Fair Livestock Committee are final.
- ◇ Blankets are not allowed on goats during weigh-in. The minimum weight for Market Goats is 60 pounds.
- ◇ Exhibitors will be paid only up to 125 pounds at auction.
- ◇ Immediately before, or after time of judging, animals may be weighed at the discretion of the Verde Valley Fair Event Committee. If there is a weight variance of 5% or more from official weight turned in by the exhibitor, the animal will be disqualified.
- ◇ Under or overweight market goats will be allowed to be shown in a Showmanship class but **not** in Conformation. These goats will **not** be allowed to go through the Livestock Auction.

BARNs AND BEDDING

- ◇ Barns are to be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. daily, and maintained throughout the day.
- ◇ All market goats and breeding goats must be bedded on shavings (chips or wood pellets are acceptable) with no carpet or other synthetic material. Rubber mats can be used.
- ◇ Muzzles are allowed for all market and breeding goats, but must be mesh only.
- ◇ Trash may be disposed of at the south end of the animal barns.
- ◇ Exhibitors must bring their own cleaning equipment. All equipment should be marked for identification.
- ◇ Only soft plastic or rubber (no paint buckets) can be used in the pens for feed and water. Do not use any metal or wood containers. Unapproved containers are to be removed immediately upon request of the barn superintendent.

FITTING & SHOWING

- ◇ At the time of weigh-in, all market goats must be slick shorn above the hocks and knees with hair not exceeding a length of 3/8 inch.
- ◇ Goats are not permitted to leave the barns or the wash rack areas.
- ◇ No prong chain collar/chain

DIVISION 132 - BREEDING GOATS



*ALL GENERAL AND ORGANIZED YOUTH RULES & REGULATIONS
AND SHEEP HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLY*

ENTRIES

- ◇ The Breeding Goat entry deadline is **January 15, 2026**. See additional requirements in the General Rules and Regulations section. Entry fees and photos are due with the entry form.
- ◇ Entry Fees are \$15.00 per entry. There is an additional \$15 fee for each set of offspring per doe shown as part of a breeding project, offspring entries need to be completed by entry deadline.
- ◇ Exhibitor must complete section and lot description on the entry form.
- ◇ Exhibitors may show ONE breeding animal per class, TWO entries may be submitted per class but only one may be brought to the fair.
- ◇ Does entered to show in a class at the Verde Valley Fair that kid prior to the fair week may be accompanied by their offspring, but exhibitor/leader must notify the superintendent immediately once the kid(s) are born so ample pen space can be provided. In addition, the kid(s) accompanying the doe may not enter the show ring with that doe in her class.

OWNERSHIP

- ◇ Breeding goats must be the property of or have a signed lease agreement and be under the care of the member by January 15, 2026.
- ◇ Animals used may be registered or grade.
- ◇ If the exhibitor has more than one animal, he/she may receive assistance with conformation from another member in good standing.
- ◇ Animals must be a meat breed.

CLASSES

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	Doe Kid
2.	Doe, 1 to 2 years
3.	Aged doe, 2 years and over (Doe must be with kid or have kidded)
4.	Buck Kid
5.	Buck, 1 to 2 years
6.	Aged buck, 2 years and older

DIVISION 133—GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

No intact males may be shown in showmanship

DEPARTMENT PYGMY and DAIRY GOAT

Superintendent: Cheryl Brothers/Breanna Brothers

cherylbrothers@live.com/breannabrothers@live.com

Entries/Fees Due: Pygmy Goat - Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59p.m.

Dairy Goat - Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59p.m.

Show Date/Time: Pygmy Goat: TBD

Dairy Goat: TBD

Departure: Breeding - Sunday May 3,, 2026 4:00 p.m.

Market - Sunday May 3,, 2026 5:00 p.m.

***ALL GENERAL AND LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS AND
GOAT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLY.***

ENTRIES

- ◇ The Pygmy and Dairy entry deadline is **January 15, 2026**. See additional requirements in the General Rules and Regulations section. Entry fees and photos are due with the entry forms.
- ◇ Entry Fees are \$10.00 per entry. Entry fees are due for the number of head entered. Fees are not refundable. There is an additional \$10 fee for each set of offspring per Dam shown as part of a breeding project.
- ◇ Goats must be dehorned. No scurs (longer than 1 inch) will be permitted.
- ◇ Goats are to be entered in the appropriate age division as calculated from animal check-in date of the Fair.
- ◇ If an exhibitor's doe is due to kid prior to the Verde Valley Fair, the exhibitor must enter the kid(s) during the appropriate entry window, if they wish to show them. Kids are entered under Lot Description 1A in either pygmy or dairy goat classes. (Note: If the kid is not entered in a class, the exhibitor will be ineligible to show that kid in a class.)
- ◇ If a pygmy or dairy goat will be accompanied by their offspring the week of the fair, the exhibitor/leader must notify the superintendent immediately once the kid(s) are born, so ample pen space can be provided.
- ◇ Pygmy and dairy goats may NOT go through the auction or be shown as market meat goats.
- ◇ Exhibitors may show ONE breeding animal per class, TWO entries may be submitted per class but only one may be brought to the fair.



OWNERSHIP

- ◇ Goat must be the property of or have a signed lease agreement and be under the care of the member by the January 15, 2026, entry deadline.
- ◇ Animals used may be registered or grade.
- ◇ If the exhibitor has more than one animal, he/she may receive assistance with conformation from another member in good standing.



BARNS AND BEDDING

- ◇ The Organized Youth Goat Superintendent has exclusive jurisdiction regarding pen assignments and the number of animals per pen.
- ◇ Exhibitors furnish their own shavings for bedding.
- ◇ All pygmy and dairy goats must be bedded on shavings (chips or wood pellets are acceptable) with no carpet or other synthetic material.
- ◇ Muzzles are allowed for all goats, but must be mesh only.
- ◇ Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles clear at all times. Litter must be disposed of before 8:00 a.m. daily. Goats are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the Fair, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition.
- ◇ Trash may be disposed of at the south end of the animal barns.
- ◇ Exhibitors must bring their own cleaning equipment. All equipment should be marked for identification.
- ◇ Only soft plastic or rubber (no paint buckets) can be used in the pens for feed and water. Do not use any metal or wood containers. Unapproved containers are to be removed immediately upon request of the barn superintendent.

FITTING & SHOWING

- ◇ At the time of check-in, Dairy goats must be slick shorn above the hocks and knees with hair not exceeding a length of 3/8 inch.
- ◇ Pygmy Goats do not need to be sheared.
- ◇ Goats are not permitted to leave the barns or the wash rack areas.

BREED CLASSES

- ◇ Classes and/or breeds may be divided or combined at the discretion of the Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee.
- ◇ If entries are insufficient as determined by the judge, goats and showman may be grouped into a Caprine show or however the judge deems appropriate.
- ◇ Any Dairy Goat doe over 24 months of age, which has never freshened, shall not be shown.

DIVISION 135– PYGMY GOATS

- ◇ The Pygmy Goat show will be a show that allows breeding stock as well as pet stock, with Pygmy Standards being foremost and placed accordingly by judge.

Class Description

1. Junior Doe Class
 - A. Junior Kids – Under 6 months, may include a not yet born kid as of entry date. Enter under Doe Kid regardless of gender. (LS Committee will move to appropriate class, once notified of gender.)
 - B. Senior Kids– 6 months to not yet 1 year
 - C. Yearling – 12 months not yet 24 months
2. Senior Doe Class
 - A. 2-3 year old Does
 - B. 4-5 year old Does
 - C. Over 5 year old Does
4. Wether Class
 - A. Junior Wether under 1 yr
 - B. Senior Wether 1 yr and over
3. Buck Class
 - A. Junior Buck under 1 year
 - B. Senior Buck 1 year and over

DIVISION 136—PYGMY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

No Bucks, No intact males may be shown in showmanship

DIVISON 137- DAIRY GOATS

- ◇ Goat must be shown individually in showmanship.
- ◇ Any doe over 24 months of age, which has never freshened, shall not be shown.
- ◇ Milk out time for milking does will not be longer than 14 hours prior to show time.
- ◇ The Dairy Goat Superintendent must be informed if Dairy Goat Freshens, pregnancy is terminated, or kid is lost prior to posting of classes.
- ◇ Dairy Goat must express dairy goat characteristics/qualities.



Class Description

1. Junior Doe Class-Never freshened
 - A. Baby Kids – not yet 3 months, may include a not yet born kid as of entry date. Enter under Doe Kid regardless of gender. (LS Committee will move to appropriate class, once notified of gender.)
 - B. Junior Kids – 3 months not yet 6 months
 - C. Senior Kids – 6 months not yet 1 year
 - D. Unfreshened Yearlings – 12 months not yet 24 months
2. Senior Doe Class-Has freshened at least once
 - A. Yearling Milkers – Under 2 years old
 - B. Two Year Milkers – At least 2 years and under 3 years old
 - C. Three year Milkers – At least 3 years and under 4 years old
 - D. Four year Milkers – At least 4 years and under 5 years old
 - E. Aged Doe – At least 5 years and older
3. Wether Class
 - A. Junior Wether – under 1 year
 - B. Senior Wether – 1 year and over
4. Buck Class
 - A. Junior Buck – under 1 year
 - B. Senior Buck—1 year and over

DIVISON 138—DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

No intact males may be shown in showmanship



SMALL STOCK

Rabbit Superintendent:
Cristin Combs cristincombs4@gmail.com

Poultry Superintendents:
Jessica Bolton bamfamily2265@gmail or
Robert Meier dogfoodbob@gmail.com



Entries/Fees Due: Cavy-Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59p.m,
 Roaster Rabbit - Thurs. February 19, 2026 by 11:59p.m.
 Rabbit - Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59p.m.
 Rabbit Meat Pens -Thurs. March 19, 2026 by 11:59 p.m..
 Doe and Litter-Thurs. March 19, 2026 by 11:59p.m
 Poultry - Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59p,m,
 Turkey-Thurs. Jan. 15, 2026 by 11:59p,m,
 Poultry Meat Pens-Thurs. March 19, 2026 by 11:59 p.m..

Show Date/Time: Rabbit/Cavy: *TBD*
 Poultry: *TBD*
 Turkey: *TBD*
 Waterfowl—*TBD*

Departure: Sunday May 3, 2026 4:00 p.m.

*ALL GENERAL AND LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS AND
 SMALL STOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLY*

ENTRIES

- ◇ The Small Stock entry deadline is **January 15, 2026, See above for exceptions to this deadline.** See additional requirements in the General Rules and Regulations section. Entry fees and photos are due with the entry form.
- ◇ Entry deadline is considered tag-in day, replacement will not be allowed after tag-in deadline.
- ◇ Entry Fees see page 8. Entry fees are not refundable.
- ◇ Exhibitor must identify the specific breed of the Organized Youth Small Stock and complete lot/section description on the entry form.
- ◇ The Fair Livestock Committee reserves the right to limit each exhibitor to two animals per class if there is a shortage of pens/cages.
- ◇ **All Market Small Stock that are eligible to auction, will be limited to Roasters, Meat Pens, and Market Turkey.**

OWNERSHIP

- ◇ Animals used may be registered or grade.
- ◇ Animals must be shown in the body type class they are.
- ◇ If the exhibitor has more than one animal, he/she may receive assistance with conformation from another member in good standing.

PENS AND BEDDING

- ◇ The Organized Youth Small Stock Superintendent has exclusive jurisdiction regarding pen assignments and the number of animals per pen.
- ◇ Exhibitors may be required to provide their own water dish and feeders if needed.
- ◇ Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles clear at all times. Litter must be disposed of before 8:00 a.m. daily.

BREED CLASSES

Classes may be divided or combined at the discretion of the Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee.

DEPARTMENT CAVY **DIVISION 140 - CAVIES**

- ◇ Cavies will be checked in on the day of their show. They will be checked out and will leave the Fairgrounds on the same day.
 - ◇ Cavies will be examined prior to Show for signs of external parasites, abscesses, snuffles, sore hocks, and diarrhea. Affected animals must be removed at once from the premises.
 - ◇ Structural deformities including, but not limited to, malocclusion and/or extremely poor physical condition as determined by the judge, will result in a White ribbon award.
- A. Jr. — 6 months and younger
- B. Sr. — over 6 months



DIVISION 141—CAVY SHOWMANSHIP



DEPARTMENT RABBIT

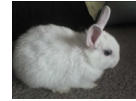
DIVISION 145– RABBITS (BREEDING CONFIRMATION)

- Rabbits will be examined at check-in for signs of external parasites or sickness. Affected animals must be removed at once from premises.
- All rabbits must have a permanent left ear tattoo.

Organized Youth Rabbit will be classed according to breed for purebred rabbits as recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (Including lionheads):

Sections:

- 100 Jr.— Rabbits are 6 month and younger
- 101 Sr.— Rabbits are over 6 months old



* Crossbred will not be eligible for Best or Reserve Best of Show

CLASSES

A. Individual Animal Entry - *(Not eligible for auction)*

- Any breed and age of rabbit may be shown
 - A1 Jr.— Rabbits are 6 month and younger
 - A2 Sr.— Rabbits are over 6 months old



DIVISION 146 Doe and Litter -

Doe and Litter—(4-8 weeks old) - *(Not eligible for auction)*

- Doe and litter entry forms are due to the Fair office, March 19, 2026.
- This class is judged based on the relative condition of the Doe and the uniformity and condition of the litter.
- Bunnies entered in Doe and Litter classes ARE NOT eligible For meat pen competition or Best in Show Award. They will compete for Best of Class trophy.

DIVISION 147—Meat Rabbits

(Roasters, and Meat Pens only are eligible for auction)

1. **Rabbit Meat Pen (Pens consist of three rabbits.)**
 - Each rabbit must be a meat production breed and weigh 3 to 5 pounds, and be 8-10 weeks old.



- Under or over weight rabbits within the pen at check in will disqualify the entire pen. One rabbit may still be shown in Showmanship, however the pen, nor the Showmanship rabbit can be shown in Conformation, and may NOT go through the auction.
- Meat pens are judged on uniformity of weight, conformation and meat producing qualities.
- Meat pens cannot be shown as doe and litter. Meat pens must be raised, owned and in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 8 weeks prior to the Fair.
- Must all be same breed and variety

Meat Pen Breeds:

American	Beveren	Californian
Champagne D'Argent	American Chinchilla	Cinnamon
Crème D'Argent	New Zealand	Palomino
Satin	Silver Fox	Crossbred

DIVISION 148 -Roaster Rabbits

(1 rabbit eligible for auction)

- All rabbits are to be **not older** than 6 months of age (born after November 1st). The Ownership deadlines for these animals is February 25, 2026 (eight weeks before fair).
- All roasters must be between 5 and 9 pounds at time of fair.
- All roasters must be ear tattooed in the left ear corresponding to the number listed on the entry form.

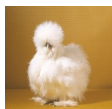
Roaster Breeds and Weight Requirements:

American	Beveren	Californian
Champagne D'Argent	American Chinchilla	Cinnamon
Crème D'Argent	New Zealand	Palomino
Satin	Silver Fox	Cross Breed of these

- Min weight 5 pounds
- Max weight 9 pounds
- No rabbit older than 6 months

DIVISION 149—RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Individual entries, Doe & Litter entries and Meat pen entries will be in the same showmanship class.



DEPARTMENT—POULTRY

(Poultry, Waterfowl, Turkeys, Pigeons & Game Birds)



- All poultry must have a leg band, and it must be applied prior to fair check-in.
- Classes will be set according to sub-divisions.
- All poultry will be examined at check-in for external parasites and for any deformities. Infested birds must be removed at once from the premises.
- All poultry must be in good health with ability to walk unassisted.
- The poultry superintendent may advise the exhibitor of a wrong class entry based upon the bird(s) being shown. Each poultry exhibitor is allowed one class change at check-in to be approved by the superintendent and the exhibitor.
- All poultry shown shall have an exhibitor's tag on cage showing owner, and class of poultry.
- Exhibitors must be present during conformation classes even if the judge does not require the birds to be removed from the pen.
- **Only Meat Pens and Market Turkeys are eligible for auction.**

Divisions A & B are judged only on APA breed standards and by breed class per Standard of Perfection (Not Eligible for Auction)

DIVISION 150 – Large Chickens

- A-1 American
- A-2 Asiatic
- A-3 English
- A-4 Mediterranean
- A-5 Continental
- A-6 All Other Standard Breeds

DIVISION 151 Bantam Chickens

- B-1 Modern Games
- B-2 Old English Games
- B-3 Single Comb, Clean-Legged
- B-4 Rose Comb, Clean-Legged
- B-5 All Other Combs
- B-6 Feather-Legged

Class 1 Cock/Male (birds over 1 yr)

Class 2 Hen/Female (birds over 1 yr)

Class 3 Cockrel/Male (birds under 1 yr)

Class 4 Pullet/Female (birds under 1 yr)

DIVISION 152— Laying Hens (Not eligible for auction)

- Pen size: 1 bird
- Birds entered in this class are judged on their laying qualities, irrespective of breed. Cross-bred and hybrid birds (Sex-links, etc.) are encouraged to enter this class.
- No Lot #



DIVISION 153– POULTRY Meat Pens
(Eligible for Auction)

- Pen of 3 birds (Cornish X recommended), between 6 & 10 weeks old. Birds are judged on uniformity of weight, conformation & meat producing qualities. Birds within the pen must be a meat production breed.
 - Under or over weight birds within the pen at check in will disqualify the entire pen. One bird may still be shown in Showmanship, however the pen, nor the Showmanship bird, can be shown in Conformation, and may NOT go through the auction.
 - Limit one pen per exhibitor. Meat pens must be raised, owned and in the possession of the exhibitor at least 6 weeks prior to the Fair.
 - Once birds are weighed, they will be classed by weight. All birds in the pen must be in the same weight classification to be eligible
- Classes

- 1: Broilers: 3-6 pounds
- 2: Roasters: 6.1-10 pounds
- Birds must be mobile and healthy.
- No Lot #'s



DIVISION 154—POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

DEPARTMENT—WATERFOWL

DIVISION 155 – Ducks ***(Not Eligible for Auction)***

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| C-1 Heavy Breeds | C-2 Medium Breeds |
| C-3 Light Breeds | C-4 Bantam Breeds |



- Class 1 Old Drake/Male (birds +1 yr) Class 2 Old Drake/Male (birds + 1 yr)
Class 3 Young Drake/Male (under 1 yr) Class 4 Young Drake/Female (under 1 yr)

DIVISION 156 - GEESE *(Not Eligible for Auction)*

CLASSES

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| •D-1 Heavy Breeds | 1 Old Gander /Male (+1 yr) |
| •D-2 Medium Breeds | 2 Old Goose/Female (+1 yr) |
| •D-3 Light Breeds | 3 Young Gander/Male (under 1 yr) |
| | 4 Young Goose/Female (under 1 yr) |

DIVISION 157—WATERFOWL SHOWMANSHIP

DEPARTMENT TURKEY

DIVISION 160—MARKET TURKEYS (All Varieties Competing)

CLASSES Market *(Eligible for Auction)*

Class 1 Market Turkey, hatched no earlier than Oct 1, 2025

Judged on proper flesh and finished qualities.



Turkeys Continued

DIVISION 161— BREEDING TURKEYS

(Not eligible for Auction)

Class 1 Old Tom over 1 year

Class 2 Hen turkey over one year

Class 3 Young Tom, up to 1 year old

Class 4 Hen turkey up to 1 year of age.

DIVISION 162— TURKEY SHOWMANSHIP

DEPARTMENT: PIGEON—Show and Go

DIVISION 165– PIGEONS

- ◇ Pigeons must be raised, owned and in possession of exhibitor by January 15, 2026.
- ◇ Pigeons will be show and go on Wednesday, April 29, 2026
- ◇ All birds must be leg banded. Sealed bands are not required.

Class:

1. Old Cock (over 1 year)
2. Old hen (over 1 year)
3. Young Cock (under 1 year)
4. Young hen (under 1 year)



DIVISION 166– PIGEON SHOWMANSHIP

DEPARTMENT—GAME BIRD

DIVISION 170—GAME BIRD *(Not eligible for auction)*

Class 1: Pheasants Class 2: Guinea Fowl Class 3: Quail

Class 4: Chukars Class 5: All Other not previously classified

DIVISION 171—GAME BIRD SHOWMANSHIP

DEPARTMENT: PET POULTRY *(Not eligible for auction)*

Open to members in the Poultry Project whose poultry does not fit any breed classification and is not entered in any other class.

DIVISION 172—PET POULTRY

- No Lot #

DEPARTMENT — BOOSTER SHOWMANSHIP

Booster for 2026 will be Show and Go—they will bring their animals, show them and take them home.

Boosters will be entered online for the 2026 fair.

Boosters are 7 and under as of January 1, 2026.

Boosters will show in Showmanship ONLY (Not confirmation)

Boosters will not receive placing awards.

DIVISION 180—CAVY BOOSTER SHOW

DIVISION 181—DAIRY GOAT BOOSTER SHOW

DIVISION 182—POULTRY BOOSTER SHOW

DIVISION 183—PYGMY GOAT BOOSTER SHOW

DIVISION 184—RABBIT BOOSTER SHOW

DIVISION 185—TURKEY BOOSTER SHOW



DEPARTMENT: EGGS

Division 190 - EGGS

Entry and eggs should be dropped off at the fair on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 by 5 pm (eggs can be dropped off before Tuesday) Egg entry forms can be found on the Verde Valley Fair website. www.vvfair.com.



<u>CLASS</u>	<u>Varieties</u>
A	White Chicken
B	Brown Chicken
C	Blue or Green Chicken
D	Duck
E	Goose
F	Turkey
G	All other (Emus.Ostrich, Ect.)

Class A - Bantam 15-18 oz

Class B - Pullet 18-20.99 oz.

Class C - Medium 21-23.99 oz.

Class D - Large 24-26.99 oz.

Class E - Extra Large 27-29.99 oz.

Class F - Jumbo 30 oz. and over

Weight is for 12 eggs

- ◇ Entries must consist of 12 eggs in a carton.
- ◇ Eggs will be judged on interior and exterior qualities and the judge reserves the right to break eggs if deemed advisable in order to properly judge the exhibit.
- ◇ Eggs must be clean, and of Grade AA quality
- ◇ All eggs in each entry must be of a single division and class .

Eggs will be disqualified for the following reasons:

1. Blood or meat spots
2. Showing signs of incubation
3. Individual eggs in dozen out of class

ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION

- Round Robin Showmanship is a class reserved for all Senior, Intermediate and Junior Showmanship winners in each species, to determine the best overall showman.
- Senior, Intermediate and Junior Round Robin is a very prestigious event for Showmen, so all winners that qualify for this are expected to compete in the Round Robin Showmanship Competition.
- There is no entry fee and awards will go to the 1st place winners of the Senior, Intermediate & Junior Large Stock Round Robin and the Senior, Intermediate & Junior Small Stock Round Robin winners.
- The judge will determine the format for the show.
- Showmanship dress code will apply.
- Each contestant must show all the different Livestock animals represented; unless safety is a factor, and then the judge's discretion is final.
- In the event that one exhibitor is the winner of a Showmanship contest in more than one species, that showman will select the species they want to represent in the Round Robin Showmanship Contest, and allow the Reserve Senior, Intermediate & Junior Showman to show in the other species.
- If the Senior, Intermediate or Junior Showman is unable to show in the Round Robin Contests, then **ONLY** the Reserve Senior, Intermediate or Junior Showman may replace those individuals.
- Scorecards will be used and scores tallied. Winners will be the highest scoring contestants on the basis of total points earned.

SMALL STOCK ANIMALS TO BE SHOWN:

- Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry, Turkey, Waterfowl, Pigeon/Dove, Pygmy Goat

LARGE STOCK ANIMALS TO BE SHOWN:

- Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat, & Dairy Goat. Horse will not be included as part of this event.

CONTESTANTS WILL BE JUDGED AS FOLLOWS:

- Presentation and Handling of animal
 - Moving or Leading
 - Questions
 - Show Animal to Best Advantage
 - Poise, Alertness and Attitude
- Appearance of Contestant
- Ability to Follow Instructions of Judge

DIVISION 210- YOUTH PET SHOW

GENERAL RULES

1. This department is open to youth 1 years to 18 years.
2. No entry fee.
3. Animals are brought in Fair the day of the show.
4. Animals should be kept as pets and cannot be exhibited in any other fair exhibits.
5. Do not enter animals raised for meat or fur.
6. Animals protected by the Game and Fish Department will not be accepted.
7. Animals that are illegal in Arizona will not be accepted.
8. Animals must be housed and kept in suitable containers - *escape proof (except when being displayed to the judges)*.
9. Animals are **not** to remain on Fairgrounds after the conclusion of the show.
10. Exhibitors will display and give an oral description of their pet to the judging panel. Questions of the exhibitor may be asked by the judges.
11. Participation ribbons will be given.
12. No premiums will be awarded.
13. Animals shown may include any of the following:

Frogs	Worm	Cats	Pigeons
Newts	Doves	Rats	Salamanders
Toads	Cavy	Gerbils	Hermit Crabs
Snails	Dogs	Ferrets	Insects: non-poisonous
Turtles	Fish	Rabbits	Lizards: non-poisonous
Parakeets	Mice	Hamsters	Snakes: non-poisonous
Canaries	Finches	Tortoises	Parrot Family, Cockatiel, Lovebirds, etc.

DIVISION 220 - SMALL ANIMAL DRESS REVIEW

GENERAL RULES

1. No entry fee.
2. Open to any person currently enrolled in an Organized Youth Program.
3. Costume Contest: both participant and animal must be dressed up representing a theme. *For Example:* Cinderella and her pumpkin carriage.
4. Participants are required to write a short paragraph on their theme and as to why they chose the costume.
5. Your imagination is your only limit!
6. Animals are limited to all Fair show animals **except** swine, cattle and horses.
7. Outfits may **not** have been shown in this class before.

DIVISION 250- OPEN LIVESTOCK

Open Livestock entry deadline:
Large Stock - March 19, 2026 by 11:59p.m.
Small Stock - March 19, 2026 by 11:59 p.m..



*ALL GENERAL RULES, LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS,
AND ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLY*

GENERAL RULES

1. Open Entries follow the same rules as listed in General Livestock Rules.
2. The Verde Valley Fair Livestock Committee will make all decisions on rules and rule interpretations. All decisions are final.
3. Fair entry forms must be turned in by deadlines based on species. See individual species type for entry deadline information.
4. All Open Class entries will be on a space available basis.
5. All entries must be checked in at required times and will be subject to screening.
6. Open Class exhibitors will not compete in Organized Youth Group classes. *Open exhibitors will be judged for conformation only.*
7. Animals may not be used from other Organized Youth Group Classes.
8. All exhibits must be entered in the name of the owner or breeder.
9. Open entries are a one day show and are to bring the animal(s) the day of show and take them home that same day.
10. Exhibitors must clean their pen(s) the day they show prior to leaving and must check out with the superintendent.

DIVISION 300 - SPEECHES

General Rules

1. Public Speaking - Prepared Speech based on a topic or theme. Speech may be informative or persuasive. Props or posters may NOT be used. Time requirements listed below.
 - A) Junior Level—3 to 5 Min
 - B) Intermediate Level—4 to 6 min
 - C) Senior Level—5 to 8 Min
2. Demonstration/Illustrated—Presentation that shows or tells how to do something. Equipment, props and/or visual aids MUST be used. Maximum of 3 posters may be used. May be done individually or as a team with a maximum of 4 members. Time requirements listed below.
 - A) Junior Level—5 to 10 Min
 - B) Intermediate Level—7 to 12 min
 - C) Senior Level—10 to 15 Min

Please sign up online prior to April 28, 2026 ,by 4:00 pm www.vvfair.com.

HERDSMAN AWARD

A Special Award will be presented in each large and small livestock department to the Club or Chapter that best exemplifies professional character and the educational element of Verde Valley Fair; to teach the public about animals and agriculture, and who keeps their pens and surrounding areas clean and neat for the entire Fair.

To qualify for the Herdsman Award, the following criteria must be met:

1. All Organized Youth Clubs will be judged as an entire group.
No individual awards or recognition.
2. Each pen must be labeled with a stall card that is issued by the Verde Valley Fairgrounds.
3. Club/Chapter displays must be up and ready no later than opening of the Fair on Wednesday, and remain in place until closing of the fair on Sunday.
4. Pens, areas surrounding your pen, aisles, and walkways need to remain clean and neat, and raked.
5. Soiled bedding and waste needs to be dumped outside on the manure pile at the southeast end of the Livestock barn.
6. All tools and feed items need to be put away neatly.
7. Barns need to be maintained in this fashion at all times.
8. Club members must be available to answer Livestock questions for Fair patrons.

The following criteria and point system will be used in determining the award recipients.

Exhibitors-

- Appearance (neat, suitably dressed)..... 10
- Courtesy, conduct, friendliness20
(to other club members, leaders, staff, and public)
- At least one Club member available to talk with public 10

Animals-

- Appearance and care of animals 10
- Owner and Club identification (neat and complete) 5

Stalls-

- Aisles, pens and surrounding area (clear and cleaned regularly) 10
- Feed and equipment (secure and safely stored) 10
- Educational value of posters and displays 15
- Decorative materials 10
- TOTAL 100**

The Herdsman will be judged daily, Wednesday through Saturday

Important Numbers

Livestock Inspector:

(602)-542-6407

Self-Inspection Seasonal Pass

Arizona Department of Agriculture

(602)-542-6407

1-(800) 294-0305

www.seasonalpass.azda.gov

Animal Health and welfare officer/

Inspector

1-(800)-294-0305

Veterinarians who support the Verde Valley Fair:

◇ Central Arizona Equine

Dr. Jim Bleak (928)567-3896

◇ Danza Del Sol

Kellie Kasper (928)-634-5274

◇ Eieio

James McDonald (928)-567-5290

◇ Verde Valley Roaming Vet

Monica Mongini (928)-821-2910

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Cottonwood, AZ 86326

2025 Grand Champion

Market Steer
Grand Champion
Alyssa Welch
Purchased by:
DBA Construction Inc.

Market Swine
Grand Champion
Raised by: McKenzie Mulcaire
Purchased by:
DBA Construction Inc.

Market Lamb
Grand Champion
Raised by: McKenzie Kasper
Purchased by: **Danza Del Sol
Veterinary Medical**

Market Goat
Grand Champion
Raised by: Trenton Castro
Purchased by: **DBA Construction Inc.
and Paul and Gretchen Groseta**

2025 Reserve Champion

Market Steer
Reserve Champion
Raised by: Kennedy Banuelos
Purchased by: **DBA Construction**

Market Swine
Reserve Champion
Raised by: Laynee Massey
Purchased by: **Rockin L Ranch and
Longfellow Excavating**

Market Lamb
Reserve Champion
Raised by: Ruby Acock
Purchased by: **DBA Construction Inc.**

Market Goat
Reserve Champion
Raised by: Maci Olson
Purchased by: **DBA Construction**

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