



— 2025 —

# Del Norte County Fair

LIVESTOCK HANDBOOK

	THURSDAY KID'S DAY	FRIDAY SENIOR'S DAY	SATURDAY MILITARY DAY	SUNDAY FAMILY DAY
Adults	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Children (5 & under)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Children (6 through 12)	FREE	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00
(With a paid adult admission)				
Seniors (60 & over)	\$12.00	FREE	\$12.00	\$12.00
Disabled in Wheelchairs	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Family Day (2 Adults & 3 Kids - <b>12 years of age &amp; under</b> )				\$24.00
Military Day (with a military I.D.)			FREE	
SEASON TICKETS:	\$36.00			
ADULT EXHIBITOR PASS:	\$25.00	(Must put an entry in the fair)		
JR/SR EXHIBITOR PASS:	\$15.00	(Must put an entry in the fair)		
ADULT LIVESTOCK PASS:	\$25.00	(Livestock exhibitors' family only)		
JR LIVESTOCK PASS:	\$15.00	(Livestock exhibitors' family only)		
GROUP DISCOUNT:	Any business, group, person, or organization purchasing 20 season tickets at one time will receive 2 additional season tickets free of charge.			
GENERAL PARKING:	FREE			
LIVESTOCK PARKING	\$20.00 – Limited space available (Exhibitors only)			
4-H, FFA, GRANGE & OPEN LIVESTOCK WRISTBANDS (One per exhibitor)	\$15.00			
GRANDSTAND SHOWS:	All Grandstand Shows are included in the Fair Admission price.			

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## 2025 DEL NORTE COUNTY FAIR

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### MISSION STATEMENT

#### 41<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

It is the mission of the Del Norte County Fairgrounds to serve the public as a place of celebration, tradition, learning, economic development, social well-being, civic responsibility, and community health in good times and in times of challenge. The Fairgrounds is where the community gathers to showcase the vibrant lifestyle talents of the people, of agriculture and of the community during the annual fair and throughout the year.

## Del Norte County Fair Board of Directors Welcome Letter 2025

Dear Fairgoers, Community Members, and Honored Guests,

Welcome to the 2025 Del Norte County Fair, where we celebrate 132 years of tradition with our vibrant theme, "**Bucket of Fun for Everyone!**" On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are thrilled to invite you to join us for an unforgettable celebration of our community's rich agricultural heritage, lively entertainment, and wholesome family fun.

For over a century, the Del Norte County Fair has been a cornerstone of our region, showcasing the hard work and dedication of our local farmers, ranchers, and artisans. This year, we honor our agricultural roots with exhibits featuring award-winning livestock, fresh produce, and handcrafted goods that reflect the pride and resilience of Del Norte County. From the giant redwoods to the rugged coastline, our fair captures the spirit of our land and the people who cultivate it.

The 2025 fair promises a "bucket" overflowing with entertainment for all ages! Get ready for heart-pounding rodeo action, toe-tapping live music, and dazzling performances that light up the summer sky. Thrill-seekers will love the carnival rides, and monster trucks, while our younger guests can delight in face painting, the Peewee stampede, and games galore. Whether you're savoring a classic corn dog, enjoying the CCCU Andy Larson Memorial Classic Car Show, or strolling through the midway, there's something here for everyone to enjoy.

As we gather to celebrate, we reflect on the traditions that have united families, friends, and neighbors since 1893. The Del Norte County Fair is more than an event—it's a cherished legacy that strengthens our community bonds and creates memories to last a lifetime. We are grateful for the support of our volunteers, sponsors, and attendees who make this tradition possible year after year.

So, grab your bucket and fill it with fun at the 2025 Del Norte County Fair! We can't wait to see you at the fairgrounds for a joyful celebration of our past, present, and future.

With warmest regards,

Kara Miller  
President, Del Norte County Fair Board of Directors  
Doug Wakefield  
President, Del Norte County Rec and Parks Fair Board of Directors  
On behalf of the 2025 Board of Directors

January 8, 2025



On behalf of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, a warm welcome to you as we all prepare for the exciting 2025 fair season! We are thrilled you are joining us this year and sincerely thank you for your continued involvement in showcasing your products, livestock, and expertise. Your contributions help make our fairs successful and provide an invaluable experience for our communities.

Fairs play an essential role in connecting food and agriculture with the public. They are not only a time for us to celebrate the fruits of our labor, but also serve as a critical platform for educating future generations about the importance of farming and food production, livestock management, and sustainable practices. Through your participation, you directly contribute to the appreciation of the vital role agriculture plays in our lives and foster an understanding of the tremendous diversity, innovation and new technology that create new opportunities in agriculture and our rural communities.

The fairgrounds are not just a venue for the annual events. Throughout the year, they serve as a hub for various interim activities that support local economies, offer educational programming, and foster community engagement. From hosting agricultural workshops and livestock sales to providing facilities for regional competitions and cultural festivals, the fairgrounds contribute to the vibrancy and resilience of our agricultural community. Additionally, they play an important role in emergency preparedness, providing a space for disaster response and recovery efforts during critical situations, such as flooding or extreme weather events.

We understand the dedication and hard work that goes into preparing for the fair, and we want to express our deep gratitude for your commitment to making each fair season a success. Your participation ensures the continued relevance of our fairs and strengthens the agricultural ties that bind us all together as a community.

We look forward to this fair season and its great success!

Yours truly,

Karen Ross Secretary



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### ***California Agriculture Fair Season***

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 California fair season!

From the first fair of the season in February to the last in late October, fairgrounds across the state are busy planning for one of the largest events of the year. These annual fair events have so much to offer.

At the fair, you can expect to find the traditional corn dogs, cotton candy, and carnival rides. In addition to these delicious treats and fun entertainment, you can also enjoy competitions, exhibitions, and educational activities. Your participation as exhibitors helps promote the importance of agriculture and food production throughout our state.

Aside from the annual fair, California fairgrounds remain busy hosting a variety of other events throughout the year. Most of these events are fun and festive celebrations that represent the culture and diversity of the communities that surround the fairgrounds. However, our fairgrounds are also amongst the first to serve in times of despair during emergencies and evacuations.

As resiliency centers, our fairgrounds provide safe shelter and build community preparedness as hazards like wildfires, floods and extreme heat become longer lasting and more frequent in California. During disasters, the fairgrounds offer a place to stay with kitchen and sanitation facilities, showers, and other resources.

Our fairgrounds are so important for our communities and so are exhibitors and advocates like you! Thank you for your many contributions to the continued success of the fairgrounds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

Gavin Newsom

## **IMPORTANT “NEW” INFORMATION FOR 2025**

1. Poultry and Dairy Cows are currently banned from all 2025 fairs. The fair has set a date of June 1<sup>st</sup> to determine whether poultry and dairy cows will be allowed locally. If the state ban is lifted by Jun 1<sup>st</sup>, the fair will have poultry and dairy cow exhibits. If the state ban is not lifted by June 1<sup>st</sup>, the fair will NOT have poultry and dairy cow exhibits.
2. A “Medicines Administered” form is required for all market animals entering the fair. This form will list all medications given to market animals for the duration of the animal’s life, prior to fair. Please turn in your form at the vet check on Wed, July 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. Each exhibitor is required to turn in a photo of themselves with their market animal, clearly showing the animals ear tag, with their entry forms.
4. Exhibitor packets will be handed out to each exhibitor at the vet check on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>
5. All non-market goats entered MUST be registered with the appropriate association prior to entry. A copy of the registration form is due with entry forms.
6. Showmanship classes will run in the order of: Seniors 1<sup>st</sup>, Intermediates 2<sup>nd</sup>, Juniors 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **“MORE” IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2025**

1. There will be a 45-minute break between shows to ensure that the exhibitors and judge have a break. The schedule is subject to change.
2. All parents, guardians and leaders must sign a Code of Conduct form to ensure understanding of the Fair rules. The form is due Friday June 27, 2025.
3. **Each Exhibitor is responsible for submitting their own entry forms.** No groups entries will be allowed in the office.
4. Large animal entry forms are due by 5:00pm Friday May 30, 2025.
5. Small animal entry forms are due by 5:00pm Friday June 27, 2025.
6. The fair will accept late livestock entry forms up until 5:00pm Friday July 11, 2025, with a \$100 late fee per entry. No entries will be accepted after July 11, 2025. No Exceptions.
7. Each Exhibitor, parent and leader must attend the Wednesday Night Fair Rules and Information meeting (July 30<sup>th</sup>). The meeting will take place at approximately 6:45 pm in the Ace Building after all the weigh-ins are finished. Exhibitor Packets will be available for pickup at Vet checks. **Parents and Exhibitor must sign the intent to sell form in order to sell in the auction.**
8. Auction checks can be picked up starting on Monday, August 18, 2025, in the fair office. All auction checks must be picked up by September 30, 2025, with an addressed and stamped envelope and thank you card. Exhibitors have 90 days to cash their checks. No exceptions.
9. Fair staff will be more than happy to assist you with your entry forms prior to due dates. Fair staff is not responsible for exhibitor errors on entry forms.
10. Bill of Sales must be attached to the entry forms for ALL LARGE ANIMALS. (i.e., steers, swine, lambs, and goats.) Exhibitors must also include a photo of themselves with their animal, with the animal’s ear tag clearly visible.
11. Scrapies tags must be attached to sheep and goats prior to pre-fair weigh-ins. No exceptions. The fair will not provide tags.
12. Stall cards, food, water, and decorations must stay with your auction animal until Monday after fair. **All decorations must be removed, and pens must be cleaned between 10:00am and 6:00pm on Monday August 4, 2025.** Failure to provide stall cards, food, water, and clean pens will result in 20% reduction from auction check.

13. All rabbits **MUST** be tattooed prior to pre-fair weigh-ins. They may not be tattooed on the fairground's property.
14. Round Robin will only occur if we have a minimum of 3 species represented.
15. Each swine club will only be allowed to bring one pig walker to fair for use for the whole club.
16. **All major clipping MUST be done before bringing animals to the fair. There will be no shearing or body clipping of animals after 8:00pm Wednesday July 30th. Only minor touch-ups will be allowed at the fair with either cordless clippers or scissors. All market lambs must be slick sheared before fair.** Any generator brought for blowers **MUST** be closed frame.
17. Each exhibitor **MUST** sell an equivalent of ten (10) auction tickets at \$10 each to avoid a \$150 penalty on each seller's check who does not participate.
18. **RATE OF GAIN CONTEST:** Highest rate of gain per large animal species will receive a sponsored award. Rate of gain will not disqualify anyone from the auction but serve as a guideline for exhibitors to learn how their animal gained over the period of time prior to fair.
  - a. Beef – 1.5 lbs. per day
  - b. Swine – 1.3 lbs. per day
  - c. Sheep – 0.4 lbs. per day
  - d. Goats – 0.25 lbs. per day

## 2025 FAIR ENTRY DATES

### ENTRY FORM DUE DATES:

**FRIDAY MAY 30, 2025**  
LARGE LIVESTOCK DIVISIONS

**FRIDAY JUNE 27, 2025**  
SMALL LIVESTOCK DIVISIONS  
PARENT ETHICS FORMS  
YQCA ETHICS CERTIFICATION

### WHERE TO BRING YOUR LIVESTOCK ANIMALS:

SMALL ANIMAL BUILDING  
Rabbits, Cavies

**LIVESTOCK BARNs**  
All Other Livestock

## HOW TO ENTER

1. **REVIEW THIS FAIR EXHIBITORS' HANDBOOK** to select the classes you would like to enter as well and understanding of the rules.
2. **READ THE LOCAL RULES** and read with special attention the instructions under DEPARTMENT & DIVISION headings for the classes you have chosen and read the **CDFA STATE RULES**. Copies are available at the Fair Office and online at [www.dnfair.org/exhibitors-handbook](http://www.dnfair.org/exhibitors-handbook).
3. **PICK UP ENTRY FORMS** from the fair Office, or online at [www.dnfair.org](http://www.dnfair.org). You will need a separate entry form for each Department.
4. **COMPLETE** all applicable spaces on the entry forms. Juniors must include their date of birth. Fair staff will be more than happy to assist you. Exhibitor Codes and Entry Numbers will be filled in by Fair Staff. Be sure to SIGN YOUR ENTRY FORMS.
  - a. **A SIGNED ENTRY FORM MEANS THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES.**

5. **REVIEW AND SIGN** each entry form. Submit your entry Forms to the Fair Office. Mailed forms will not be accepted.
  - a. **Each Exhibitor is responsible for submitting their own entry forms.**
  - b. **NO GROUP entries will be allowed in the office.**
6. There will be a late fee of \$100.00 per livestock entry entered after the entry form due dates. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 11, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
  - a. Auction checks will be available in the office on August 18, 2025. You **MUST** bring in a self-addressed, and postage stamped thank you card to receive check. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## **LOCAL RULES**

**PREMIUMS & AWARDS MAY BE WITHHELD IF LOCAL & STATE RULES ARE VIOLATED!  
CDFA STATE RULES SUPERSEDE LOCAL RULES, UNLESS LOCAL RULES ARE  
STRICTER.  
FAIR STAFF ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING ERRORS IN ENTERIES!**

**READ CAREFULLY!** (A copy of the CDFA State Rules can be obtained on the Del Norte County Fairs website; [www.dnfair.org](http://www.dnfair.org) and in the Fair Office.)

1. **OFFICIAL DATES OF FAIR:** Thursday July 31, 2025, through Sunday August 3, 2025. The fair gates will open at 8:00 am and the Commercial Buildings will open to the public at 11:00 am each day of the fair. The buildings will close at 10:00 pm, except for Sunday at 5:00 pm. The barns will close each night at 9:00 pm except for Sunday at 5:00 pm.
2. **SANCTION SHOWS:** Sanction show rules do not supersede CDFA State or Local rules.
3. **4-H, FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENTS:** These Departments are for residents of Del Norte County or students that are enrolled in Del Norte Unified School District full time. 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent members **THAT MEET** all requirements of their organizations and CDFA State Rules.
  - a. ***Independent Exhibitors must pick up the registration packet from the fair office prior to declaration of project. IE: Beef 120 days prior to Fair weigh in, Large animals 60 days prior to fair weigh in and small animals 30 days prior to fair weigh in.***
4. **AGE:** Junior Exhibitors must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2025, to exhibit animals, including horse, with the following exceptions: Small Animal Division participants (Pygmy Goat, Rabbit and Cavy, and Poultry)
  - a. **UNIFORM:** 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent Exhibitors must wear the fair's official uniform of long sleeve white button up shirt with a collar (no Polo shirts), dark blue or white western style pants and leather style lace up or slip-on type boots and a western style belt. Exhibitors showing small animals may wear closed toe shoes or boots. 4-H, FFA, and Grange members must wear their organization's uniform items i.e., hat, scarf or ties & vest or jacket.
  - b. Exhibitors not in uniform will not be allowed in the ring.
5. **HOW AND WHEN TO ENTER:**
  - a. Completed entry forms must be returned to the fair office by 5:00 pm on the closing date for the Divisions as noted in the Entry Schedule of this Fair Exhibitors Handbook.
    1. Horse Show Department: Late entries will be accepted.
    2. Entry Forms for Large Livestock Entries are due to the Fair Office no later than 5:00pm Friday, May 30, 2025.



3. Small Livestock entry forms are due to the Fair Office no later than 5:00 pm Friday June 27, 2025.
4. The fair will accept late livestock entry forms until Friday July 11, 2025, with a \$100.00 late fee per entry. No Entries will be accepted after July 11, 2025. No Exceptions!
- b. All non-animal class entries are due Saturday July 19, 2025. Local and CDFA State Rules apply.
  1. Entry forms must be complete: Including name, mailing address, date of birth, grade level completed, signature of the 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent exhibitor, parent and project or club leader, and all information pertaining to the animal entered. For non-animal entries, list the type of product on your entry form. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
  2. Independent Juniors may enter 4-H, FFA or Grange classes providing that they meet the criteria as set forth in the CDFA State rules.
  3. The correct entry fees must accompany each entry form.
- c. Leaders, by their signature on the entry form, attest that the member has completed the YQCA course. Entry forms must be signed by members, parents and project or club leaders.
6. **CANCELATIONS AND REFUNDS:** Exhibitors canceling their entries for any reason after the official date of closing for entries shall forfeit all entry fees paid, except with a written certificate by a qualified veterinarian.
  - a. Veterinary certificates must state the date of inspection, nature of disqualification and must be filed with the fair office at least 24 hours prior to the opening of the fair. (Veterinarians letterhead required.)
  - b. No refunds of \$5.00 or less will be made (including over payments.)
7. **LIABILITY LIMITS:** The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the fair, the County and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.
8. **LIABILITY INSURANCE:** The 41<sup>st</sup> District Agricultural Association will purchase liability insurance from CFSA for the dates of pre-fair as well as fair. Please note that your homeowner's policy will be the primary policy if needed.
  - a. ***Animals other than those entered in the fair (and service dogs), will not be allowed on the grounds.***
9. **IDENTIFICATION:** All 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent exhibitors who enter Livestock exhibits in the 4-H, FFA or Grange Departments of the Del Norte County fair for the purpose of receiving ribbons paid for by the Fair and for which judges are paid by the fair, shall have a valid Exhibitor wristband.
  - a. ***LIVESTOCK/JUNIOR EXHIBITOR WRISTBANDS WILL COST \$15.00 EACH. ONLY 1 PER EXHIBITOR.***
  - b. Those not wearing a valid wristband must purchase a Season Pass, or a regular admission ticket to the fair.
  - c. All other family members must purchase and wear a wristband to go through the livestock gate. These may be purchased at the fair office for only \$25.00 per adult

and \$15.00 per child not showing an animal. A valid parking pass in each vehicle is required when passing through the Livestock gates.

10. **VEHICLES:** No vehicles, except fair owned vehicles, will be allowed to park next to the Livestock barns between the hours of 9:00 am and 9:00 pm daily.
- Unauthorized vehicles which enter prior to the times must be removed by 9:00 am
  - Horse and livestock trailers are to enter through the North parking lot "Back Gate" only.
  - No parking around the barns. This is a fire safety issue.
  - Livestock Parking Passes can be purchased for \$20.00 each. (A limit of 2 per family.)

1. **PARKING, CAMPING & RV HOOKUPS:**

- RV camping is on a first come, first serve basis.
- The RV Camping is for Vendors and Exhibitors ONLY.
- RV Camping sites are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and not before Monday June 2, 2025.
- Each 4-H, FFA or Grange Club will be allocated ONE RV site with power to be assigned by the Fair at a rate of \$100 for the duration of fair. Power is NOT available at other sites.
- Electrical hookups will be made from proper power pedestals only. Running electrical cords to wall plug outlets in the building are prohibited.
- Spaces will be assigned according to length.
- Upon your arrival DO NOT park in the RV area BEFORE Checking In with the campground attendant or the Fair Office.
- NO VEHICLE PARKING allowed in the RV area. All illegally parked vehicles in the RV area WILL BE TOWED at the owner's expense.
- One tent is allowed per RV site if it fits in allowable space.
- Quiet time will be 10:00pm to 6:00am daily. NO generators after 10:00pm.
- Anyone camping are required to sign the Adult Code of Ethics form.
- No unchaperoned youths in campsite after 10:00 pm. Parent or Guardian must be present.
- Dry camping \$200.00
- These prices include Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> through Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. If you want to park your RV the Saturday prior to fair, there is an additional \$50.00 fee required. All fees are due and payable in advance, with this completed agreement.
- **THERE ARE NO SWITCHING OF CAMPSITES WITHOUT MANAGEMENT APPROVAL. SWITCHING OF CAMPSITES WITHOUT MANAGEMENT APPROVAL WILL BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL AND FORFEITURE OF PAYMENT.**

11. ***EACH EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW HIS OR HER OWN ANIMAL:*** Exceptions can be granted only by the Fair Management or Livestock Superintendent.

12. ***ADDITIONAL ANIMALS:*** Each large animal exhibitor will be allowed to raise and enter two market animals of the same species. Large animal exhibitors may only choose one of the two market ready animals entered in the same species for auction at the declaration meeting. Only one market ready animal can be declared for auction per large animal exhibitor. Small animals, please see division limits.

13. ***All animals are to be dropped off, Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at designated times (times, TBA) and are subject to a vet check before entering barns.***

14. The 41<sup>st</sup> District Agricultural Association has the right to limit the number of entries in any Division or Class.

15. **WEIGH-IN SCHEDULE:** All auction animals must be weighed in at the fairgrounds on entry date, Wednesday July 30, 2025. Large Animals will be weighed: beef at 3:00pm, sheep and goats at 4:00pm and swine at 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Small animals 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Exhibitors must be present at weigh-ins. If you have a conflict with the scheduled times, you must appear before the Fair board at the May, June, or July meeting to request an alternate time to weigh in your animal. A letter must be submitted to the Fair office 12 days prior to the meeting in order to be added to the fair board agenda. Please contact the fairgrounds office immediately when you have knowledge of the conflict to get the Fair Board meeting dates.
- a) Animals failing to meet lower weight limits may be entered in feeder classes and shown in species showmanship classes. Market animals will be divided into classes by the Livestock Superintendent after weigh in. No excessive water or foreign material will be allowed on the animal at the time of weigh-in. The decision of the weigh clerk doing the weighing shall be final in terms of what constitutes “excessive” or “foreign”.
  - b) RE-WEIGHS: If a weight is contested:
    - a. The animal shall be removed from the scale immediately.
    - b. The scale will be rebalanced.
    - c. The animal will be reweighed after the scale is balanced.
    - d. No reweigh will be allowed after an animal has left the scale area or another animal has been weighed.
    - e. Only one reweigh per animal is allowed.
    - f. Second weight is the official weight.
  - c) ***Animals that do not meet weight requirements or grade will not be sold at auction. Only one weighing per animal will be permitted. (One weighing constitutes one visit to the scale house. If an animal does not make weight, the animal may be taken off the scale and re-weighed at the discretion of the weigh clerk as long as the animal and the exhibitor remain in the scale house.) Request must come from the Exhibitor.***
  - d) Large animals to be sold are tagged at the time of weighing according to CDFA State Rules.
  - e) Animals must stay and show after weigh-in, or the exhibitor will not be able to show next year.
16. **VETERINARIAN:** The official Del Norte County Fair veterinarian is Town & Country.
17. The owner of each animal is responsible for proper care, including feeding and watering of his/her animal(s) at all times while at the fair. **Exhibitors are to have their space cleaned by 8:30 am every day.** Failure to care for and clean your animals will result in the animal being sent home.
18. Attendance at the Declaration Meeting is mandatory to sell all market animals.
19. **AWARDS & PREMIUMS:** Placement of ribbons does not guarantee awards. Only the official placing as indicated on the judging sheet shall determine awards.
20. **GRAND CHAMPION ANIMALS:** All Grand Champion will be required to be sold through the auction. Each exhibitor is limited to the sale of one animal only. Grand champion winners are allowed to sell one extra market lot. Example: 1 beef, lamb, meat goat, hog, roaster rabbit, stower rabbit, pen of geese, one pair of ducks, a pen of chickens, single fryer, a pen of three rabbits or a turkey.
21. **RELEASE OF EXHIBITS:** Barns close to the public at 5:00pm on Sunday August 3, 2025. Breeding, non-auction or live auction animals must be removed from the barns by 7:00pm Sunday August 3, 2025. ***Fair Management are not responsible for any animal left unattended in the barn after 7:00pm.***

22. **STALL CARDS, FOOD, WATER & DECORATIONS:** must stay with your auction animal until Monday, August 4, 2025. Failure to provide these items will result in 20% reduction from auction check.
23. **PROCESSING LOAD-OUT:** Auction animals that are going to the processor will be released starting at 6:00 am on Monday August 4, 2025. There is a chance that some animals will be loaded out on Sunday evening, August 3, 2025, depending on which processor the animal is being transported to.
- Only the load out team will be allowed in the barn Monday morning.**
  - No watchmen will be furnished after official release periods.
  - Animals not picked up by Monday August 4, 2025 by 5:00 pm will become the property of the fair.
24. **ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT:** All parents, guardians and leaders must sign a Code of Conduct form to ensure understanding of the Fair and CDFA State rules. This form is due by June 27, 2025 in the Fair Office.
- Leaders, Parents, and or Guardians shall have no contact with the judge and clerks prior to and during the show.**
25. No unchaperoned 4-H, FFA, Grange or Independent youth will not be allowed in the barns after 9:00pm.
- All unchaperoned youth around the livestock barns will be asked to leave after 9:00pm.
  - Any drinking of alcoholic beverages by a youth exhibitor will cause for forfeiture of all prizes and the exhibitor will be asked to take his or her exhibit(s) home. Exhibitors will be disqualified for the following fair season.
26. No alcohol is allowed except for in approved and permitted areas. No alcohol is permitted in Livestock Barns.
- The fairgrounds is a smoke-free zone. Smoking of any kind will not be tolerated on the fairgrounds.
27. **YOUTH QUALITY CARE ASSURANCE:** All Livestock Exhibitors must complete the YQCA online program to be eligible to sell their animal at auction. THIS IS A STATE REQUIREMENT. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

#### **YQCA Yearly Online Ethics Course**

- In compliance with the rules for California Fairs, proof of completion of the one-hour Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Online Ethics course will be required of all animal exhibitors prior to entering the 2025 Del Norte County Fair. Once the Exhibitor completes the course with a passing score, a completion Certificate with a corresponding Certificate number will be issued. The Exhibitor is required to print the certificate out and bring it to the fair office. Emailed certificates will not be accepted.
- What is the Youth for The Quality Care of Animals Online Ethics Course All About?**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. YQCA is the result of a collaborative effort between states that have previously offered multi-species youth livestock quality assurance programs, the National Pork Board's Youth PQA Plus program and representatives from other national livestock groups. The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current, and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth.

- The program is designed to provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year. The online program requires the passing of a series of three



- quizzes to earn certification. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.
- The online program includes three components for each topic (food safety, animal well-being, and character development), and are designed specifically for each age group:
  - Knowledge builder - allows students to learn new information in an engaging, age-appropriate and interactive format. Students can read content, watch videos, analyze pictures, and practice skills while progressing through a series of interactive content components.
  - Skills lab - Offers realistic situational opportunities for youth to apply the new knowledge gained in the knowledge builder. These labs take students through a comprehensive journey of the content, requiring them to apply skills and make decisions resembling those they will face in real life. To fulfill their year of training, youth will complete three of these online modules.
  - Quiz for each content topic - The quiz is the final piece of the online learning experience, testing student's overall knowledge of the content. Students can receive immediate feedback or see their results at the conclusion of the quiz. A pass rate of 80% has been established with students being able to repeat the module if needed.
3. **Who must take the course?** All animal youth exhibitors ages 9-21 must take the online course and upload and print their certificate of completion when entering online. Upon completion, bring your printed copy to the fair office.
  4. **How to register for the YQCA Ethics Course.** To register go to: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and create an account.
    - a) A separate account is required for each Exhibitor. Siblings cannot take the course together as each will need an individual Certificate number for their Fair Entry. The course is \$12 per exhibitor.
    - b) Clubs/projects may fundraise to cover the costs, as YQCA does offer coupon codes which are one-time use codes that cover the registration costs. More information on the coupon codes can be found here: <http://yqca.org/buy-coupons/>.

## DEL NORTE COUNTY 4-H, FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENT RULES

This Department is for residents of Del Norte County or students that are **enrolled in Del Norte Unified School District full time**. 4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent members meeting all the requirements of their organizations and CDFA State rules.

- These organizations desire competition among members and fairs cooperate by offering divisions and classes for them.
- **4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent Market and Showmanship classes will be shown together in each species. The fair has the right to divide classes if needed.**

- Fairs also provides the opportunity for young people who are not members of such organizations to exhibit and compete. The Del Norte County Fair does this by offering divisions and classes in accordance with Local Rules #3.
  - **Each Exhibitor, parent and leader must attend the Wednesday Night Fair rules and information meeting. The meeting will take place at approximately 6:00pm in the Ace Building after all weigh-ins are finished.**
  - Independent Juniors may enter in the age-appropriate classes providing they meet the criteria as set forth in the State Rules which are available at the Fair Office or online at the Fair website.
1. Each Club with animals in a barn must provide barn duty.
  2. Exhibits must be the work of the Exhibitor.
  3. AGE: You must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2025, to exhibit in 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent classes.
  4. All Grand Champions will be required to be sold through the auction.
  5. Each exhibitor is limited to the sale of one animal only. Grand Champion winners are allowed to sell one extra lot. Example: 1 beef, lamb, meat goat, hog, roaster rabbit, stewer rabbit, pen of geese, or one pair of ducks or a pen of chickens, single fryer, or a pen of three rabbits or turkey.
  6. **All stalls, coops and cages are to be cleaned and animals fed by 8:30 am and 8:30 pm every day.** Each exhibitor or club must provide their own equipment (shovel, broom, wheelbarrow, pitchfork, etc.).
  7. **Wash racks will be closed from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.**
  8. Market animals must be owned by and under the exhibitor's management for a minimum of 120 days from the opening of the fair for market beef, 60 days for market swine, sheep, and goats. All small market animals must be owned for 30 days. All breeder and feeder animals must be owned by the exhibitor for 30 days. For more clarification, please refer to the CDFA State Rules. Attendance at the stated weigh-in is mandatory.
  9. **Bill of sale for ALL LARGE LIVESTOCK ANIMALS must accompany Exhibitor Form. Identification ear tag and Scrapies tag numbers, must be on the bill of Sale.** Exhibitors must also include a photo of themselves with their animal, with the animal's ear tag clearly visible.
  10. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW IN SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR AUCTION.** Showmanship is required for all 4-H, FFA, Grange & Independent members entered in a market class.
  11. **All major clipping MUST be done before bringing animals to the fair. Only minor touch-ups will be allowed at the fair with either cordless clippers or scissors. All market lambs must be slick sheared.** Any generator brought for blowers MUST be closed frame.
  12. Small Animal Exhibitors must be present when animals are judged.
  13. **ANIMAL FEE:** \$10.00 per large animal and all goats. \$2.00 per small animal (per pen). This will include bedding for all days. Due to the number of pens, animals may be placed 2 per pen.

## HERDSMANSHIP

**Herdsmanship Competition, for club in each species, takes place during the entire run of the fair.**

### **HERDSMANSHIP JUDGING CRITERIA**

<b>SCORING CRITERIA</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>Pen &amp; Stall Area</b> (Neat and clean and animals are comfortable with fresh bedding and food & water if present)	<b>40</b>
<b>Aisles, Walkways &amp; Borders</b> (Neat, clean, swept, raked, etc.)	<b>30</b>
<b>Club or Chapter Representation</b> (Club member(s) or leader/parent present)	<b>5</b>
<b>Education &amp; Information Displays</b> (Appearance, appropriateness, message, readability, etc.)	<b>20</b>
<b><u>Decorations &amp; Club or Charter Identification</u></b> (Decorations neat and attractive, signs to be visible)	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Possible Points:</b>	<b>100</b>

- No award will be given if parents assist in cleaning.
- Each club exhibiting small animals will be responsible for their own area.
- To be eligible for Herdsmanship, animals must remain in their assigned area during fair hours.

**ON BEHALF OF THE MARIS FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF PATTY MARIS, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL HERDSMANSHIP AWARD GIVEN TO ONE EXHIBITOR WHO DOES AN OUTSTANDING JOB RAISING AND EXHIBITING THEIR ANIMAL, AS WELL AS KEEPING THEIR AREA CLEAN.**

## **JUDGING SYSTEMS**

### **American System**

Exhibits in this system are compared against a standard of perfection, as well as against the other entries in the competition. All exhibits in a particular class are looked at and ranked with only one selected for first place, second place, third place, etc. Only First Place in Class exhibits qualify for Best of Division.

### **Danish System**

In this system all Exhibitors receive a ribbon. All exhibits are grouped according to quality, and there may be multiple entries that get the same ranking and ribbon. Quality may vary from excellent to fair, and ribbon categories may be blue, red, white and/or yellow. In this system of judging, exhibits are not in competition with or compared to each other.

### **DANISH SYSTEM JUDGING SCALE**

	<b>QUALITY</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Group</b>	Superior	92-100%	Blue
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Group</b>	Good	82-91%	Red
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Group</b>	Average, acceptable	70-81%	White
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Group</b>	Poor, undesirable	69% or below	None

## **JUDGES**

To ensure impartiality, the Del Norte County Fair secures judges for most categories from outside the community. The dedication and effort of these judges is to be commended as their

fees, while sufficient to cover travel costs, are inadequate compensation for the hours they give to our fair. A special "THANK YOU" to these judges who will be serving us this year.

### **SUBJECT TO CHANGE -**

#### **DEPARTMENT**

Dairy  
Horse  
Beef  
Swine  
Rabbits/Cavy  
Goats  
Sheep  
Poultry

#### **JUDGE**

N/A  
N/A  
Pete Baroni  
Samantha Loprieto  
Alexis Rivera  
Rachel Conway  
Pete Baroni  
N/A

## **ANIMAL DEPARTMENT**

### **SMALL ANIMAL OPEN DIVISIONS**

**NO POULTRY IN 2025**

#### **DIVISION 900: EGGS – OK to enter**

No entry fee - Ribbons only  
Turn in to Home Arts Building

#### **CLASS:**

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Large Chicken Eggs, ½ dozen | 5. Goose Eggs, ½ dozen |
| 2. Bantam Eggs, ½ dozen        | 6. Quail Eggs, ½ dozen |
| 3. Turkey Eggs, ½ dozen        | 7. Emu Eggs, 3 eggs    |
| 4. Duck Eggs, ½ dozen          |                        |

## **YOUTH RABBIT AND CAVY DIVISIONS**

1. Please refer to the Local Rules and CDFA State Rules.
2. Exhibits received: Wednesday July 30, 2025, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
3. Exhibits judged: Friday August 1, 2025
4. Exhibits released: Sunday August 3, 2025, at 5:00 pm. Animals not picked up by Monday August 4, 2025 by 5:00 pm will become the property of the fair.
5. This is not a Sanctioned ARBA Show.
6. All animals must be identified by permanent ear markings. Animals may not be tattooed at fair.
7. Any animal showing signs of a disease will be immediately removed from the fairgrounds.
8. Exhibitors are to furnish their own feed and water containers.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their animals to the judging table.
10. Cavy exhibitors to furnish own cages.
11. List rabbit/cavy breed, variety, age, and sex on your entry form.
12. This is a cooped show. All rabbits/cavies must remain on the fairgrounds throughout the fair.
13. All animals entered in the fur class must be entered in a breed class.

Cage fees: \$2.00



Entry Fee: \$2.00 Per Entry  
Fur Entries: \$1.00 Per Entry

**PREMIUM AWARDS:**  
BEST IN SHOW - \$10.00  
RESERVE IN SHOW - \$5.00

**DIVISION 910:**  
**RABBIT**

**CLASS:**

1. Buck
2. Doe
3. Fur

- Must be entered and shown in the appropriate breed or market class.

**PREMIUM AWARDS:**  
BEST IN SHOW - \$10.00  
RESERVE IN SHOW - \$5.00

**DIVISION 911:**  
**CAVY**

**CLASS:**

1. Cavy

**YOUTH PYGMY GOAT DIVISIONS**  
**MUST BE REGISTERED**

1. Please refer to the Local Rules and CDFA State Rules
2. Goats must be registered with the appropriate association prior to entry.
3. You must be 5 years old prior to January 1, 2025, to exhibit animals.
4. You must be 9 years old prior to January 1, 2025, in order to enter Showmanship class.
5. Exhibits will be received on Wednesday July 30, 2025, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.
6. Nigerian Dwarfs are to be entered in the appropriate Dairy Goat class.
7. **A SINGLE GOAT MAY ONLY BE ENTERED IN ONE DIVISION ACCORDING TO BREED.**  
Entering a goat in the wrong breed class will be grounds for disqualification.

Animal Fee: \$10.00

Entry Fee: \$2.00

Judging: American System

# OF ENTRIES IN CLASS	# OF PLACES PAID	% OF CLASS JACKPOT
1-3 entries	1	100%
4 entries	2	60%-40%
5+ entries	3	50%-30%-20%

**DIVISION 920: PYGMY GOATS**  
**DOES & WETHERS**  
**MUST BE REGISTERED**

**CLASS:**

1. Kids, Does, (born January 1, 2025, thru June 4, 2025)
2. Kids, Wethers, (born January 1, 2025, thru June 4, 2025)
3. Yearlings & 2 years old, Does, (born January 1, 2023, thru December 31, 2024)
4. Yearlings & 2 years old, Wethers, (born January 1, 2023, thru December 31, 2024)
5. 3 years and over, Does, (born January 1, 2022, and prior)
6. 3 years and over, Wethers, (born January 1, 2022, and prior)

## **LARGE ANIMAL OPEN DIVISIONS**

Open to youths ages 9 to 19, and members of 4-H, FFA, Grange or Independent Juniors, regardless of county of residence.

1. Please refer to the Local Rules and CDFA Rules.
2. You must be at least 9 years old prior to January 1, 2025, to exhibit large animals.
3. Animals will be received in the Livestock Barn on Wednesday July 30, 2025. Prior to stall placement, all animals will be vet checked. Times will be determined.
4. CDFA State Rules apply; Junior Department, Livestock Department, Animal Species Rules, and Animal Health Rules should be reviewed.
5. If there are a sufficient number of entries, management may divide classes.
6. If there are not a sufficient number of entries, management may combine classes.
7. Yellow transportation slips issued by the Fair are mandatory when transporting cattle to and from the Fair.
8. Goats must be registered with the appropriate association prior to entry.

ANIMAL FEES: \$10.00

ENTRY FEES: \$10.00

SHOWMANSHIP - No Entry Fee

JUDGING: American System

<b># OF ENTRIES IN CLASS</b>	<b># OF PLACES PAID</b>	<b>%OF CLASS JACKPOT</b>
1-3 entries	1	100%
4 entries	2	60%-40%
5+ entries	3	50%-30%-20%

Rosettes will be awarded to Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each species.

### **DIVISION 930: BREEDING BEEF**

**CLASS:**

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| 1. Junior/Senior Calf (September 1, 2024,<br>thru April 1, 2025) | thru August 30, 2024) |
| 2. Junior/Senior Yearling (March 1, 2023,                        | 3. Cow/Calf Pair      |

**DIVISION 934:**  
**BREEDING SWINE**

**CLASS:**

1. Gilt (Farrowed January thru April, current year)
2. Senior Yearling, sow (January thru December, previous year, must have raised a litter to be eligible for entry)
3. Sow (must have had a litter)

**DIVISION 935:**  
**BREEDING SHEEP**

**CLASS:**

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Ewe Lamb (January 1st thru April 1st of the current year) | December 31st of the previous year) |
| 2. Yearling Ewe (January 1st thru                            | 3. Ewe (older than yearling)        |
|  | 4. Ram                              |

**DIVISION 936:**  
**DAIRY GOATS**  
**MUST BE REGISTERED**

**CLASS:**

1. Junior Senior Doe Kid, (Born January 1st thru June 4th of the current year)
2. Dry Yearling Does (Born January 1st thru December 31st the previous year)
3. Milking Yearlings Does (Born January 1st thru December 31st of the previous year)
4. Does, Two Years thru 4 years of age, in milk
5. Does, Five years and over, in milk

**DIVISION 937:**  
**BREEDING GOATS (Meat Breeds)**  
**MUST BE REGISTERED**

**CLASS:**

1. Does, any age

**4-H, FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT LARGE MARKET LIVESTOCK  
DEPARTMENT**

**4-H, FFA & GRANGE BEEF CATTLE DIVISIONS**

1. Please refer to Local Rules and CDFA State Rules.
2. **Bill of Sale must accompany Exhibitor forms.**

3. Exhibitors must also include a photo of themselves with their animal, with the animal's ear tag clearly visible.
4. **Exhibitors must demonstrate safe handling of project animal. Failure to do so shall result in animal removed from the competition and or removed from the grounds.**
5. Market animals failing to meet minimum weight will be transferred to the feeder class.  
***The minimum weight for beef is 1,000 pounds. Beef weighing over 1,450 lbs. may still go to auction, if they make grade. Animals will be sold at maximum weight of 1,450 lbs.***
6. Yellow transportation slips issued by the Fair are mandatory when transporting cattle to and from the Fair.
7. Club Pen of Three: 3 best animals from your club, chosen day of show. One entry per club.  
**CLUB ONLY – NOT INDIVIDUAL – PLEASE DO NOT ADD TO INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORMS.**

ANIMAL FEE: \$10.00 (Per Animal)

ENTRY FEES: Market & Feeder classes (none).

JUDGING: Market & Feeder classes: Danish System. No premiums, Ribbons Only

**DIVISION 940:**  
**4-H, FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT MARKET BEEF**  
**MAY ENTER AND SHOW TWO (2)**

**CLASS:**

1. 1,000 to 1,450 pounds Heifer or Steer

**DIVISION 941:**  
**STOCKER & FEEDER BEEF**

**CLASS:**

1. Heifers / Steers (301 to 999 pounds)

**DIVISION 942:**  
**CLUB PEN OF THREE**

**CLASS:**

1. Club pen of three (3) – Only one entry form per club!

**DIVISION 943:**  
**DEL NORTE BRED & FED**

- Exhibitor must have owned the dam at the time of the animal's conception and the exhibitor must have provided primary care for the animals from birth through fair.
- Proof of ownership due when entry form is submitted.
- All clubs will be shown together.
- Animals must have been shown in a Market Class.

**CLASS:**

1. Market Beef

**MARKET BEEF SCORECARD**

**Market Ready:** Market steers projected to have sufficient fat deposition to meet the marbling specifications for USDA Prime, Choice or Select+ quality grades.

**Not Market Ready:** Market steers lacking evidence of sufficient fat deposition to produce a desirable consumer product. Steers projected to grade USDA Select- or lower.



## 4-H, FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT SWINE DIVISIONS

1. Please refer to the Local Rules and CDFA State Rules.
2. Each club will only be allowed to bring one pig walker to fair for use for the whole club.
3. After weighing, market hogs may be divided into weight lots within the specified limitations, as desired for convenience in judging.
4. Market animals failing to meet the minimum weight will be transferred to the single feeder class. ***The minimum weight for swine is 215 pounds. Swine weighing over 285 lbs. may still go to auction if they make grade. Animals will be sold at a maximum weight of 285 lbs.***
5. Club Pen of Three: 3 best animals from your club, chosen day of show. One entry per club. **CLUB ONLY – NOT INDIVIDUAL – PLEASE DO NOT ADD TO INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORMS.**

ANIMAL FEE: \$10.00 (Per Animal)

ENTRY FEES: Market & Feeder classes (none).

JUDGING: Market & Feeder classes: Danish System. – No premiums, Ribbons Only

### DIVISION 945:

#### 4-H, FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT MARKET HOGS

(MAY ENTER AND SHOW TWO (2))

#### CLASS:

1. Single Market Hogs (215 to 285 pounds)

### DIVISION 946:

#### SINGLE FEEDER PIGS

#### CLASS:

1. Single Feeder Pigs (111 to 214 pounds)

### DIVISION 947:

#### CLUB PEN OF THREE

#### CLASS:

1. Club pen of three (3) Only one entry form per club!

### DIVISION 948:

#### BRED & FED

- Exhibitor must have been owned the gilt at the time of the animal's conception and the exhibitor must have provided primary care for the animals from birth through fair.
- Proof of ownership due when entry form is submitted.
- All clubs will be shown together.
- Animals must have been shown in a Market Class.

#### CLASS:

1. Swine

### MARKET HOGS SCORECARD

**Market Ready:** U.S. No. 1 and No. 2 hogs of average or greater conformation that are acceptable in leanness, muscularity, and production traits.

**Not Market Ready:** Any hog of below average conformation including U.S. no. 3 and no. 4 and utility grade hogs.

## **4-H, FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT SHEEP DIVISIONS**

1. Please refer to the Local Rules and CDFA State Rules.
2. Lambs must show "milk teeth." All breeds will be judged as one.
3. After weighing, market lambs may be divided into weight lots for convenience in judging.
4. Market animals failing to meet minimum weight requirements will be transferred to the feeder class. ***The minimum weight for sheep is 110 pounds. Sheep weighing over 160 lbs. may still go to auction, if they make grade. Animals will be sold at maximum weight of 160 lbs.***
5. Club Pen of Three: 3 best animals from your club, chosen day of show. One entry per club.  
**CLUB ONLY – NOT INDIVIDUAL – PLEASE DO NOT ADD TO INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORMS.**

ANIMAL FEE: \$10.00 (Per Animal)

ENTRY FEES: Market & Feeder classes (none).

JUDGING: Market & Feeder classes: Danish System--No premiums, Ribbons Only

### **DIVISION 950:**

#### **4-H, FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT MARKET LAMBS**

(MAY ENTER AND SHOW TWO (2))

#### **CLASS:**

1. Wether or Ewe Lamb (110 to 160 lbs.)

### **DIVISION 951:**

#### **SINGLE FEEDER LAMBS**

#### **CLASS:**

1. Feeder Lamb (75 to 109 pounds)

### **DIVISION 952:**

#### **CLUB PEN OF THREE**

#### **CLASS:**

1. Club pen of three (3) May be picked day of show. Only one entry form per club!

### **DIVISION 953:**

#### **BRED & FED**

- Exhibitor must have been owned the ewe at the time of the animal's conception and the exhibitor must have provided primary care for the animals from birth through fair.
- Proof of ownership due when entry form is submitted.
- All clubs will be shown together.
- Animals must have been shown in a Market Class.

#### **CLASS:**

1. Lamb

### **MARKET LAMB SCORECARD**

**Market Ready:** USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range .16-.35, average or greater conformation and cut ability.

**Not Market Ready:** Good or lower quality grade with 12th back fat range <.16 or >.35; under-finished lambs grading USDA good or lower, below-average conformation or cut ability.

## **4-H, FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT GOAT DIVISIONS**

1. Please refer to the Local Rules and CDFA State Rules.
2. Goats must be at least 50% meat goat.
3. Goats must show milk teeth.
4. Market animals failing to meet minimum weight requirements will be transferred to the feeder class. ***Minimum weight for goats is 65 pounds. Goats weighing over 120 lbs. may still go to auction if they make grade. Animals will be sold at maximum weight of 120 lbs.***
5. Club Pen of Three: 3 best animals from your club, chosen day of show. One entry per club.  
**CLUB ONLY – NOT INDIVIDUAL – PLEASE DO NOT ADD TO INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORMS.**

ANIMAL FEE: \$10.00 (Per Animal)

ENTRY FEES: None

JUDGING: Market & Feeder classes: Danish System. No premiums, Ribbons Only.

### **DIVISION 955:**

#### **4-H, FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT MARKET GOATS**

(MAY ENTER AND SHOW TWO (2))

#### **CLASS:**

1. Wether or Doe, Born after November 1, 2022 (65 to 120 lbs.)

### **DIVISION 956:**

#### **SINGLE FEEDER GOATS**

#### **CLASS:**

1. Feeder Goat (Wether or doe) (65 pounds & under)

### **DIVISION 957:**

#### **CLUB PEN OF THREE**

#### **CLASS:**

1. Club pen of three (3) May be picked day of show. Only one entry form per club!

### **DIVISION 958:**

#### **BRED & FED**

- Exhibitor must have been owned the doe at the time of the animal's conception and the exhibitor must have provided primary care for the animals from birth through fair.
- Proof of ownership due when entry form is submitted.
- All clubs will be shown together.
- Animals must have been shown in a Market Class.

#### **CLASS:**

1. Goat

## **MARKET GOAT SCORECARD**

**Market Ready:** USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back range .08-12 most desirable, .13-.22 back fat acceptable, average, or greater conformation and cut ability.

**Not Market Ready:** Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range <.08 or >.22; under finished goats grading USDA good or lower, below average conformation or cut ability.

## **4-H, FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT SMALL LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT NO Poultry entries for 2025**

### **4-H, FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT MARKET RABBITS**

1. Please refer to the Local Rules and CDFA State Rules.
2. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to carry his or her own animal(s) to the judging table for judging. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
3. Small animal exhibitors must be present when animals are judged.
4. Lightweight and heavyweight compete against each other for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.

Cage Fee: \$2.00

Judging: Danish System - Ribbons only

The four factors, in order of their importance, for judging meat rabbits/pens, are as follows: Meat Type, Condition, Uniformity, and Fur.

Meat pens shall consist of three rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Broken group meat pens must also be of the same variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter. Age limit 10 weeks. Minimum weight 3.5 lbs. each. Maximum weight 5.5lbs each. All rabbits must be weighed in the presence of the judge.

#### **DIVISION 970: RABBIT MARKET CLASSES MAY ENTER AND SHOW TWO (2) PER CLASS**

##### **CLASS:**

1. Pen of 3 fryer rabbits, each rabbit- weight 3.5 to 5.5 lbs., not over 10 weeks. Doe owned by the exhibitor prior to mating. Must be same breed and variety.
2. Single fryer rabbit, one rabbit, not over 10 weeks, 3.5 to 5.5 lbs. Doe owned by the exhibitor prior to mating.
3. Roaster, one rabbit, under 6 months, 5.5 lbs. to 9lbs.
4. Stewer, one rabbit, 6 months and older, 8 lbs. and over.

#### **DIVISION 971: BRED & FED**

- Exhibitor must have been owned the doe at the time of the animal's conception and the exhibitor must have provided primary care for the animals from birth through fair.
- Proof of ownership due when entry form is submitted.
- All clubs will be shown together.
- Animals must have been shown in a Market Class.

##### **CLASS:**

1. Rabbit – must specify each class per entry from Division 970.

## **4-H, FFA GRANGE & INDEPENDENT SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Please refer to the Local Rules for more information.
2. Only animals owned and entered by junior exhibitors are eligible.
3. **Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Showman must participate in Round Robin in each species. If a Champion or 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Showman wins in more than one species, then the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner of the species chosen by the Champion or 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Showman will advance to round robin at the end of the show day.**
4. **Junior & Intermediate Showman can earn the right to show in the Senior Division to qualify for Round Robin.**
5. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW IN SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR AUCTION.**
6. Showmanship is required for all 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent members entered in a market class.
7. Members shall be on hand and ready to show when called for judging.
8. EACH EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW HIS OR HER OWN ANIMAL. Exceptions can be granted only by the Livestock Superintendent/Fair Management.
9. Picture will be taken during your species show. Retakes will be after the declaration meeting. Anyone who is not present for picture taking will have 10% deducted from their auction checks.
10. JUDGING: American System

### **DIVISION 975: SMALL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP**

Small Animal Showmanship Classes are defined as follows:

**Junior** - Ages 9 - 11

**Intermediate** - Ages 12 - 14

**Senior** - Ages 15 and over

The 1st and 2nd place winners in each class will return to the ring and compete for champion and reserve champion showman. The champion and reserve champion showman will advance to round robin.

#### **CLASS:**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. One Bird, Junior       | 7. One Rabbit, Junior            |
| 2. One Bird, Intermediate | 8. One Rabbit, Intermediate      |
| 3. One Bird, Senior       | 9. One Rabbit, Senior            |
| 4. One Cavy, Junior       | 10. One Pygmy Goat, Junior       |
| 5. One Cavy, Intermediate | 11. One Pygmy Goat, Intermediate |
| 6. One Cavy, Senior       | 12. One Pygmy Goat, Senior       |

### **LARGE ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP SCORECARD**

### **SCORE**

<b>Appearance of Animal:</b>	<b>50%</b>
Condition	(10)
Grooming and/or clipping	(20)
Cleanliness	(10)
Appearance of Exhibitor	(10)
<b>Showing in the Ring:</b>	<b>50%</b>

Moving or Leading	(15)
Posing	(15)
Showing Animal to Best Advantage	(10)
Poise, Alertness and Attitude	(10)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**DIVISION 976:**  
**LARGE ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP**

Large Animal Showmanship – Classes are defined as follows:

**Junior** - Ages 9-11

**Intermediate** - Ages 12-14

**Senior** - Ages 15 & up

The 1st and 2nd place winners in each class will return to the ring and compete for champion and reserve champion showman. The champion and reserve champion showman will advance to round robin.

**CLASS:**

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Beef Cattle, Junior         | 10. Meat Goats, Junior       |
| 2. Beef Cattle, Intermediate   | 11. Meat Goats, Intermediate |
| 3. Beef Cattle, Senior         | 12. Meat Goats, Senior       |
| 4. Dairy Cattle, Junior        | 13. Sheep, Junior            |
| 5. Dairy Cattle, Intermediate. | 14. Sheep, Intermediate      |
| 6. Dairy Cattle, Senior        | 15. Sheep, Senior            |
| 7. Dairy Goats, Junior         | 16. Swine, Junior            |
| 8. Dairy Goats, Intermediate   | 17. Swine, Intermediate      |
| 9. Dairy Goats, Senior         | 18. Swine, Senior            |

**ROUND ROBIN RULES**

1. Large Animal Round Robin will take place in the already established arenas: Except for goats and lambs, which will have arenas set up in the Ace Barn.
2. Small Animal Round Robin will take place in the Ace Pavilion and will include Cavy, Pygmy Goat, Rabbit, & Poultry.
3. To qualify for Round Robin, you must win 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall showmanship in a species.
4. **Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Showman must participate in Round Robin in each species. If a Champion or 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Showman wins in more than one species, then the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner of the species not chosen by the Champion or 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Showman will advance to Round Robin. All Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place animals will compete in Round Robin.**
5. **Showman must declare which species that they are participating in Round Robin at the end of Friday show day.**
6. **All Exhibitors must sign the Round Robin form at the end of Friday.**
7. Round Robin animal must be the same animal that was shown in showmanship.
8. You must show your own species that you won showmanship with.
9. The official Fair Uniform dress code will apply.



10. Each contestant will start by showing their own animal (with the exception of 3<sup>rd</sup> place showman), and then proceed to show every species in the contest. Horse species will not be included in large animal round robin.
11. Each rotation will be a 6 minutes per species.
12. Scoring will be done on a point system from 0 - 50.
13. Judges are predetermined by the Fair Management and Livestock Superintendent.
14. The Fair Management and Livestock Superintendent reserves the right to exchange an animal for any reason.
- 15. The judge's decision is final.**
16. There will be a meeting for Round Robin participants on Friday night at 4:00pm or right after the Dairy show.
17. In the event of a tie, the highest overall response to questions score will determine the winner.

#### Showing of the animal: 50 possible Points:

• Control of animal	10
• Poise and coolness of exhibitor/appearance	5
• Skill of showing	5
• Continuous Attention	5
• Keeping animal standing to advantage	5
• Ability to stand or move animal as requested by judge	10
• Response to questions	10
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>50</b>

## LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES OPEN TO 4-H, FFA, GRANGE AND INDEPENDENT

The Del Norte County Livestock Auction Committee is conducted by an independent sale committee sanctioned by the Fair. The Committee, together with Fair Management and Livestock Superintendent, reserves the right to limit the number of entries or to disqualify as ineligible for sale any entry which endangers the public or is otherwise not in the best interest of the sale or the Fair. Neither the Auction Committee nor the Fair guarantees sale of any animal or minimum price of any kind; **and assumes no liability in connection with the sale.**

1. Refer to the Local Rules and CDFA State Rules.
2. **SHOWMANSHIP is required** for participation in the auction. Poultry exhibitors may show any species of poultry.
3. Animals entered in the auction must be animals that have first been shown in poultry, rabbit or market animal classes in the 2025 Del Norte County Fair.
4. Only animals having met the weight requirements and grading in the following groups will be sold; Beef, Sheep, Meat Goats, Swine, Rabbits, & Poultry (Market Ready). **Animals must be clean and sound.**
5. Each exhibitor is limited to the sale of one animal only. Grand Champion winners are allowed to sell one extra lot. Example: 1 beef, lamb, meat goat, hog, goose, roaster rabbit, stewer rabbit, or one pair of ducks or a pen of chickens, single fryer or a pen of three rabbits or turkey.
6. EACH EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW HIS OR HER ANIMAL IN THE SALE RING.

7. Sale order will be Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of each species, followed by all gold then silver market ready animals by class placement.
8. The seller's family will be allowed one bid if dissatisfied with the top bid received. All sales are final.
9. To help defray costs of the sale, including but not limited to buyer default, or death or condemnation of an animal, the Committee and Fair reserves the right to deduct 5% of the gross sale of each lot.
10. There will be an auction declaration meeting at 4:00 pm on Friday August 1st in the Ace Pavilion for all sellers whose animals make Market Ready. Declaration forms will be turned in at that time.
11. **Parents and Exhibitor must sign the intent to sell form in order to sell in the auction.**
12. **THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL SELLERS. Sellers must be present. Failure to make this meeting will result in a 15% reduction from auction check.**
13. Picture taking will be done 30 minutes before Showmanship and 30 minutes after show. Retakes will be after the declaration meeting. Anyone not present for picture taking will have 10% deducted from their auction checks.
14. **No animals will be sold during the fair except those going through the auction.**
15. Sales made outside the auction may cause seller to face serious consequences.
16. Each club must provide four (4) runners in uniform during the auction; failure to do so will result in a 5% deduction from all auction checks for club not represented.
17. Each exhibitor **MUST** sell an equivalent of ten (10) auction tickets at \$10 each to avoid a \$150 penalty on each seller's check who does not participate.
18. All buyers will be given a receipt covering purchases made. Auction settlement booth will be located at ringside. **All new buyers must be present and supply a credit card number to receive an auction bid number.**
19. All checks for animals purchased are to be made payable to 41st District Agricultural Association. Del Norte County Fair will make payment to 4-H, FFA, Grange or Independent members on **Monday August 18<sup>th</sup> at the fairground's office starting at 9:00 am. Only the exhibitors can pick up their auction checks. Exhibitor must bring in a "Thank You" card addressed and stamped to the buyer.**
20. All small animals are to be picked up live.
21. No animal may be removed from the fairgrounds until after the close of the fair.
22. All rules and regulations of the Del Norte County Fair will be adhered to. Exceptions to these rules can be granted only by the Auction Committee and the Fair Manager.
23. **Sellers are responsible for providing their buyer with a gift at the time of sale.**

## DEL NORTE COUNTY YOUTH HORSE SHOW

### June 22, 2025

1. Unless other rules are specified, rules and definitions for conducting each judged class at contained in the USEF Rule book, and for each Gymkhana Class as contained in the California Gymkhana Rule Book will apply to this Horse Show provided, they do not conflict with any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.
2. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** the management will not be responsible for any loss, personal injury, or damage to horses exhibited, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed, or in any way damaged. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any injury that may occur to any person or animal, or damage to any property, while on the

- grounds, by horse owned or exhibited by him/her.
3. Best of Show (first and second place) winners will qualify to enter the 2024 State Best of Show Youth Horse Show in Sacramento.
  4. Highpoint will be based on the total points accumulated by each class in each division. There is no minimum or maximum number of classes required for Highpoint.
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place.....5 points
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place.....3 points
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place.....1 point
  5. Certified helmets are mandatory when on a horse (Helmets must be approved by the American Society for testing and Materials/Safety Equipment Institute).
  6. No more than one horse and rider on each form. May enter multiple horses if they are not in the same class.
  7. ATTIRE: 4-H, FFA, Grange & Independent members must wear the fair's official uniform of white button up shirt with a collar (no polo shirts), dark blue or white western style pants and leather style lace up or slip-on boot and western style belt for Showmanship, Conformation and Western Classes. English attire for the English Classes, (English pants and boots).
  8. 4-H, FFA & Grange members must wear their organization's uniform items: hat, scarf or tie, vest, or jacket.
  9. The decision of the judge is final.
  10. Exhibitors must be 9 and under 19 years of age as of January 1, 2025.
  11. Showmanship classes are open to Del Norte County 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent Juniors only.
    - First place in Showmanship classes will return to the ring for champion Showman.
    - First place in the Halter classes will return for Champion Halter.
    - High Point – Rosette (highpoint will be based on riders' points per division)
    - W/J (Walk/Jog) Classes are for beginners and will not count for High Point.
    - Conformation Classes don't count for High Point.

ENTRY FORMS DUE:

ENTRY FEE: NONE

**DRUG FEE: \$5.00 PER HORSE**

Under California law this is a public event which falls under the mandate of industry funded California's Equine Medication Monitoring Program (EMMP). The intent of the EMMP is to ensure the integrity of public horse shows, competitions, and sales through the control of performance and disposition enhancing drugs and permitting limited therapeutic use of drugs at an equine event. For guidance on permitted drugs and medication visit:

[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahffs/animal\\_health/emmp/pdf/EMMP-guidelines.pdf](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahffs/animal_health/emmp/pdf/EMMP-guidelines.pdf) (EQUINE

MEDICATION MONITORING LAW – It is unlawful for any person to administer or cause to be administered to a horse, either before or during a public horse show, horse competition, or horse sale, any medication or drug which is of such character as could affect the performance, or disposition of the horse. The Secretary of the Department of Food and Agriculture requires random testing of horses entered in horse show, horse competitions or horse sales. The management of these events will charge and collect a \$5.00 fee for each horse entered per event.)

**DIVISION 1: PONY**

**DIVISION 2: 4-H**

**DIVISION 3: FFA, GRANGE & INDEPENDENT JUNIOR**

**CLASS:**

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|--|--|
| 1. Showmanship, 9-13                             | 18. Bareback Equitation, Pony                |
| 2. Showmanship, 14 & Over                        | 19. Western Equitation, W/J, open            |
| 3. Showmanship, Pony                             | 20. Western Equitation, 9 – 13               |
| 4. Halter – All ages, Gelding                    | 21. Western Equitation, 14 & Over            |
| 5. Halter – All ages, Mares                      | 22. Western Equitation, Pony                 |
| 6. Halter – Pony                                 | 23. Western Horsemanship, W/J, open 9 & Over |
| 7. English Equitation, W/J, open 9 & over        | 24. Western Horsemanship, 9 – 13             |
| 8. English Equitation, 9 – 13                    | 25. Western Horsemanship, 14 7 Over          |
| 9. English Equitation, 14 & over                 | 26. Western Horsemanship, Pony               |
| 10. English Equitation, Pony                     | 27. Western Pleasure, W/J, Open 9 & Over     |
| 11. English Pleasure W/J, open 9 & over          | 28. Western Pleasure, 9 – 13                 |
| 12. English Pleasure, 9 – 13                     | 29. Western Pleasure, 14 & Over              |
| 13. English Pleasure, 14 & over                  | 30. Western Pleasure, Pony                   |
| 14. English Pleasure, Pony                       | 31. Trail, W/J, open 9 & Over                |
| 15. Bareback Equitation, W/J, Western or English | 32. Trail, 9 – 13                            |
| 16. Bareback Equitation, 9 – 13                  | 33. Trail, 14 & Over                         |
| 17. Bareback Equitation, 14 & Over               | 34. Trail, Pony                              |

## JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AND HORSE SHOW SCHEDULE

\* There must be at least two clubs entered.

\*\* Small Animal Round Robin includes cavies, pygmy goats, rabbits, & poultry.

\*\*\* Large Animal Round Robin includes beef, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, sheep, & swine

**Saturday June 22, 2025****9:00 am**

Youth Horse Show

**Thursday July 31, 2025****8:00 am - Livestock Arena**

Swine

Showmanship

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Market Hogs

Feeder Pigs

Pen of 3\*

Youth Swine

Gilt

Senior Gilt

Sow

**9:00 am - Ace Arena**

Dairy Goats

Showmanship

Junior

Intermediate  
 Senior  
 Junior Senior Doe Kids  
 Dry & Milking Yearling Does  
 Does, 2 years & Over  
 Breeding Goats  
 Market Goats  
 Showmanship  
     Junior  
     Intermediate  
     Senior  
 Feeder Goats  
 Club Herd of 3\*  
 Breed Meat Goats  
 Does, any age  
 Pygmy Goat  
 Showmanship  
     Junior  
     Intermediate  
     Senior  
 Pygmy Goat Conformation  
 Kids  
 Yearlings  
 2 years old  
 3 years old  
 Aged  
**12:00 pm – Ace Arena**  
 Bucket Calf

**4:00 pm - Ace Arena**

Beef  
 Showmanship  
     Junior  
     Intermediate  
     Senior  
 Market Beef  
 Feeder Beef  
 Pen of 3 \*  
 Youth Breeding Beef  
 Junior Senior Calf  
 Summer Junior Senior  
 Yearling  
 Cow, Calf Pair  
**7:00 pm Barn Games**

**Friday August 1, 2025**

**9:00 am – Rabbit Barn**

Market Poultry  
 Conformation  
 Showmanship  
     Junior  
     Intermediate  
     Senior  
 Large Fowl

Bantams  
 Ducks, Geese & Turkeys  
 Eggs  
**11:00 am - Livestock Arena**

Sheep  
 Showmanship  
     Junior  
     Intermediate  
     Senior

Market Lambs  
 Feeder Lambs  
 Pen of 3\*  
 Youth Sheep  
 Ewe Lamb  
 Yearling Ewe  
 Ewe  
 Rams

**12:00 pm – Rabbit Barn**

Youth Rabbit  
 Showmanship  
     Junior  
     Intermediate  
     Senior  
 Market Classes  
 Fryer Pen of 3  
 Single Fryer  
 Roaster Rabbit  
 Stewer Rabbit  
 Open Youth Classes  
 Rabbit  
 Fur

**2:00pm – Rabbit barn**

Cavy Show

**2:00 pm - Ace Arena**

Dairy Showmanship  
     Junior  
     Intermediate  
     Senior  
 Junior  
 Dairy  
 Junior Calf, Jersey  
 Senior Calf, Jersey  
 Junior Yearling, Jersey  
 Senior Yearling, Jersey  
 2 years old not in milk, Jersey  
 2 years old in milk, Jersey  
 Aged Cow, Jersey  
 Pair of Females, Jersey  
 Junior Calf, Holstein  
 Senior Calf, Holstein  
 Junior Yearling, Holstein  
 Senior Yearling, Holstein  
 2 years old not in milk, Holstein  
 2 years old in milk, Holstein

Aged Cow, Holstein  
Pair of Females, Holstein  
Club Herd of 5\*

**4:00 pm - Auction Declaration**  
**Round Robin Participants Meeting**  
Meeting in Livestock Barn

**Saturday August 2, 2025**

**9:00 am**  
Small Animal Round Robin

**10:00 am**  
Large Animal Round Robin

**1:00 pm Livestock Arena**  
Over the Hill Show

**Sunday August 3, 2025**

**9:00 am Livestock Arena**

Awards Ceremony

**11:30 am**

Buyer Luncheon

**1:00 pm**

4-H, FFA & Grange Auction

**5:00 pm**

Close Livestock Barn to the public

**5:00 pm**

Release of Breeding animals and market  
animals not being processed. All must be off the  
grounds by 7:00pm

**Monday August 4, 2025**

**6:00am**

Release of Auction animals