



Southwest Washington
Junior Livestock Sale Committee

2026

Southwest Washington Fair Market Sale Exhibitor Guide



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2026 SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIR EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK

The Exhibitor's Handbook is the official operational standard of the Southwest Washington Fair and can be found on our website at: <https://swwf.fairentry.com/> . Listed within are: contact information for superintendents, conditions of exhibits, identification of responsible persons, general fair rules and policy, exhibit requirements, listings of awards and prizes, and deadlines.

A QUICK GUIDE FOR FIRST TIME EXHIBITORS

Q: Who can enter exhibits?

A: Anyone may enter exhibits in the fair. There are no age or residency restrictions. You simply need to physically enter your exhibit(s) on your entry day(s) and pick up exhibit(s) on the release day. Check each department listing in this Handbook for details specific for that department. Please note that some departments are limited due to space and staffing.

Q: How am I assigned an exhibitor number?

A: Once you register in the online registration system, you will be auto-assigned an exhibitor number. It is important you record this information in a safe place. You never want to create a secondary registration (thereby receiving a second exhibitor number) since this will impact your ability to accumulate points and qualify for premium payouts.

Q: What does it cost to enter?

A: Entry fees vary by department; see complete listing of **ENTRY FEES** listed on the previous page or within each department's section of this Handbook. Check each department listing for entry times. Fees are paid at the time of online entry using the Southwest Washington Fair online registration system (<https://swwf.fairentry.com/>).

Q: Can I enter exhibits in more than one department?

A: An individual item can only be entered in one department and most departments limit the number of entries from any one individual. Individuals are not, however, limited to the number of departments in which they may submit entries.

Q: How far in advance must I enter an exhibit?

A: Deadlines vary for individual departments. Although livestock deadlines are throughout the summer, most non-livestock exhibit deadlines are one to seven days before the start of the fair. Refer to individual department listings.

Q: What types of prizes/awards can I win?

A: The types of awards/prizes vary by department. Although some departments give nominal cash premiums and trophies, all departments award ribbons.

Q: How are the exhibits judged?

A: Exhibits are judged on their appearance, quality, color, and all other attributes normally associated with this type of exhibit. The judging is done by experienced judges, who are specialized in that particular field.

Q: Whom do I call if I have questions?

A: Most department listings include the name and telephone number of the Superintendent involved in that department. They would be happy to answer your questions. If you are unable to reach them, call the Southwest Washington Fair Office at 360-740-1495.

Q: What do I do when I bring my exhibit to the fairgrounds?

A: All exhibits should be taken to the appropriate building; at that point you will receive help from the "Department Superintendent". All buildings will be visibly marked. Prior to entry day, complete your entries using the Southwest Washington Fair online registration system (<https://swwf.fairentry.com/>). Please bring a copy of your confirmation e-mail with you on entry day.

Q: I would like to volunteer at the fair, who do I contact?

A: It takes hundreds of volunteers to put on a fair every year! Whether you have a specific area of interest or just want to help out any way that you can, call the Southwest Washington Fair Office at 360-740-1495. We will be delighted to match you with one of the areas in which we need help.

GENERAL RULES

The Southwest Washington Fair is "the official county and district fair and agricultural fair" (RCW 36.90.040). It is the objective of the Fair to provide quality competition, and a diversified program. The Southwest Washington Fair encourages participation of competitive exhibits; however, when limitations of space, facilities, and time occur, priorities will be set according to: 1. Area residency, 2. Previous participation, 3. Quality and diversity of exhibit. The management reserves the final and absolute right to alter, interpret, or change the rules and regulations as may become necessary; also to determine all matters, questions, and differences that may arise in or out of an incident at the Fair without notification to the public. Management also reserves the right to remove any exhibitor not complying with Fair rules and policy. Exhibitors must follow direction from their Superintendent and Fair Management. NOTE: If you need special assistance with entering your projects please call the Fair Office at 360-740-1495.

CAMPING

Southwest Washington Fair has three campgrounds available for camping: **Bridle Acres**, located at the west side of the fairgrounds along the railroad tracks, **Fair Meadows**, located at the north end of the fairgrounds behind the Horse Arena, and **Oak Grove**, which is at the south end of the fairgrounds. These are the only three locations where overnight camping is allowed. Reservations can be made by using the online booking system Rover Pass. <https://southwestwashingtonfair.org/general-info/camping/>

NOTE: If you need special assistance with entering at the Fair or have questions regarding our facility, please call the Fair Office at 360-740-1495.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Show rules and operations are established by each department. Fair management reminds animal exhibitors good showmanship includes public education, cooperation, and herdsmanship. The Fair's minimum health requirements are the same as the recommended minimum health requirements by the State Veterinarian. The Fair Veterinarian will have the final say on the animal's health, ability to be shown, and fairgrounds livestock health requirements. **NOTE: As of 2018, the Department of Agriculture no longer issues fairs a blanket permit for out-of-state exhibitor's use. As an out-of-state exhibitor, you or your veterinarian need to contact the Department of Agriculture for any permit number used on the certificate of veterinary inspections.** Per Department of Agriculture call 360-902-1878 M-F 8-5, after hours and weekends call 1-800-942-1035 or go to their web page at <http://fortress/agr/gov/apps/EntryPermits/>

- A. Identification of animals, breeds, farm, etc. is good for all.
- B. Cooperation with other exhibitors and superintendent.
- C. Good herdsmanship creates a pleasant, safe area to view. Public hours are 10 AM to 10 PM Tuesday through Thursday, 10 AM to 11 PM Friday & Saturday, and 10 AM to 7 PM Sunday.
- D. Honesty and fairness are a part of showmanship. Misrepresentation of ownership, animals, or other acts to discredit or give an advantage may result in forfeiture of entry fees, prizes, and premiums or expulsion from the Southwest Washington Fair.
- E. Because of crowded conditions and public viewing of animals, only animals being shown are allowed on the fairgrounds.
- F. The use of alcohol on the Fairgrounds is prohibited. Its use may result in forfeiture of all premiums and future exhibitor status.
- G. No dogs allowed in the barns.
- H. Entry deadlines will be strictly adhered to. No late entries will be accepted.
- I. No selling of animals allowed during the Fair unless prior arrangements have been made, i.e. commercial space. **NO "FOR SALE"** signs allowed on pens, stalls, or coops, etc.



Southwest Washington Junior Livestock Sale

2026

DEPARTMENT 017 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

5:30 PM

JUDGING PAVILLION

Sale Manager: John Ball

Sale Treasurer: Natalie Elwanger

Sifting Committee: Lloyd Walker
& Josh Heinricher

Weigh Master & Sale Coordinator:
Lloyd Walker

Email: swjlsctreasurer@outlook.com

Committee Members

Josh Heinricher, John Ball, Molly Majors, Natalie Elwanger, Lloyd Walker,
Elaine Hamrick, Brenda Balmelli, Jason Speck,
Madalynn Briggs, Josh Heinricher, Ashley Larson, Kristi Tracy, Pete Dykstra,
Matt Deebah, and Fionna Velazquez.

SALES SPONSORS AND PURPOSE

The sale is sponsored by the following organizations or agencies:

1. Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce
2. The Lewis County Association of Agriculture Educators
3. Washington State University Lewis County Extension
4. Southwest Washington Fair

The purpose of the Southwest Washington Junior Livestock Sale is to provide an incentive for youth to exhibit and sell quality market stock which has reached marketable weight and grade. The exhibitor and the bidder and/or buyers are reminded that the price paid to the exhibitor may not, in fact, reflect a true market price at the time of the sale. It is the sponsor's desire that the buyers of animals featured in this sale will bid sufficiently to cover the individual exhibitors' additional expenses incurred in feeding and management of market animals. Animals sold at auction are suitable for slaughter at the time of the sale.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY:

1. 4-H members must be enrolled as a 4-H member in a Market Animal project by May 1st to be eligible to participate. FFA members must be a member of an FFA Chapter and actively carrying the Market Animal project as their SAE farming project. Exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H or FFA Chapter in Lewis County and be a member in good standing.
2. Exhibitors must participate in a Fitting & Showing class in their respective species within the supporting program under which their market animal is entered.
3. A "Memorandum of Understanding" must be completed and turned in with club/chapter "Intent to Sell" forms. Beef and Dairy Heifer DUE March 1 and all other species DUE May 1.
4. Use of illegal drugs and/or the improper use of animal health products or foreign substances will not be tolerated in the Washington State 4-H Youth Development/FFA programs. Extension personnel, FFA advisors, FFA/4-H volunteers, families, youth, and fair/show officials have a legal and moral obligation not to misuse these products. We have the responsibility to tell others not to use these substances and to report those who do. The administration of any drug or medication which could affect an animal's performance resulting in an unfair advantage or the disposition of the animal is unacceptable. Additionally, there are federal penalties for using illegal substances in animals that are going into the

nation's food supply. Sale management reserves the right to test any market animal that will be processed. If a test is positive for illegal substance at any time, the matter is turned over to the appropriate legal authorities as it is a federal offense.

5. **Dairy heifer vaccinations will be given as a precaution to prepare them to enter a new herd. These vaccinations will be recorded on the Producer Affidavit Market Dairy Health Record C1053E. Vaccines as follows for breeding heifers: 12 months – 1. Bovishield Gold 5 +L5, 2. Calvary 9, 3. Deworming, and at confirmation of pregnancy – 1. Lepto 5.**
6. Exhibitors new to a species must attend a quality assurance informational meeting that will be held on **May 26, 2026, at the Chehalis Livestock Market at 6:00PM.**
7. Should any animal behave in a manner that may cause injury to participant or handler, the animal will be disqualified from the sale, caged in a holding area and removed from the fairgrounds in such a manner that possible injury to bystanders and/or handler will be minimal.
8. **HAUL IN:**
 - Poultry – coop-in between noon and 7 PM on Monday 8/10
 - Rabbits – penned by 4 PM on Monday 8/10
 - Swine – 8 AM to 11 AM on Sunday 8/10
 - Beef & Dairy Heifers – by noon on Monday 8/10
 - Goats & Lambs – by 3PM on Monday 8/10
9. **WEIGH IN:** Exhibitor may weigh two (2) animals or pens (pens – consisting of 3 animal each for rabbits or ducks and 4 animals for fryers chickens) if needed. If the first animal/pen does not make weight or is overweight, then youth may weigh a second animal (pen). If the first makes weight, there will not be a second weighing. **WEIGH IN TIMES ARE ALL ON MONDAY 8/10:**
 - Rabbits - FFA at 4:00 PM and 4-H at 5:00 PM
 - Poultry – 7:00 to 8:00 PM. All animals will be weighed in their respective barns except turkeys and geese, which will be weighed at the far end of the Blue Pavilion (sheep & goat barn). Weighing for poultry will start with turkey and geese at 7:00 PM.
 - Hogs – 9:00 AM
 - Beef – 1:00 to 2:00 PM
 - Dairy Heifers – to follow Beef
 - Lambs – to follow Dairy
 - Goats – to follow Lambs**HOGS, BEEF, AND LAMBS WILL BE ULTRASOUNDED DIRECTLY AFTER WEIGH-IN.**
10. Exhibitor must be present to bring their animal/pen to the scales during final weigh-in between posted times on Monday or Tuesday, see above. This weight will be the sale weight, with the exception of the shrink percentage applied during the auction. A Representative from the Sale Committee will inspect all animals entered in the sale during final weigh-in. If the animal does not meet weight minimum or maximum limits, the animal will be eliminated from the sale. **Exhibitor may change their entry to the appropriate department, division, and class not associated with the Southwest Washington Junior Livestock Sale.**
11. Steers and Dairy Heifers must be naturally polled or dehorned. **Dairy heifers may be registered or grade but must be one of the six main dairy breeds (no cross breeds). If raising an organic heifer follow organic protocols.** Market lambs can be ewes or wethers, slick shorn within one week of the show and sale. Market goats must be ¾% or higher Boer, Kiko, or Savanna(h), may have horns, can be doelings or wethers, and must be slick shorn within one week of the show and sale. Market hogs can be gilts or barrows.
12. Poultry may be either sex, however a pen should be uniform in color, size, weight, and sex.
13. No animal previously sold at any 4-H or FFA Youth Sale shall be resold at the Southwest Washington Junior Livestock Sale.
14. The following minimum and maximum weights and grades will be utilized for this sale:
 - Market Steers: Min 1050 lbs. - Max. 1,550 lbs.**
Must grade at least SELECT. Desirable age of steers should be between 14-20 months.
 - Market Dairy Heifers: Min. bred 120 days – 8 months bred max.**
Must have 840 RFID tag/number, will be weighed for sale weight, and manually preg. checked at final weigh-in by veterinarian.
 - Market Lambs: Min. 95 lbs. - Max. 160 lbs.**
Must grade at least SELECT and be slick shorn within one week of the show.
 - Market Hogs: Min. 225 lbs. - 300 lbs.**
Must grade at least USDA #2.
 - Market Poultry**
 - Fryers: Pen of 4 to weigh in (must have a min. of 3 to sell on Friday), Min. 5 lbs./each – Max. 8.5 lbs./each.** Desirable age of fryers is between 6-8 weeks. Hatch date should be sometime the last week of June and the first week of July (may need to plan ahead for this hatch date and order 21 days in advance, check with your chick supplier). Cornish Cross (Cornish X or Cornish Rocks) are recommended for the fryer project.

Ducks: Pen of 3 animals, Min. 5.5 lbs. – Max 8.5 lbs. Desirable age is 8-11 weeks. Hatch date should be sometime the 1st half of June; plan ahead for hatch dates and shipping with your supplier, as with fryers. Breed is Commercial/Jumbo/Hybrid Pekin (all the same white duck cross).

Turkeys: One animal, Min. 15 lbs. – Max. 35 lbs. Desirable age of hens is about 14 weeks and toms 18 weeks. Hatch date should be sometime between April 10 – May 10. Commercial meat breeds only.

Geese: One animal, Min. 10 lbs. – Max 18 lbs. Desirable age of geese and ganders is 6 – 9 months of age. Hatch date should be between Mid-December and Mid-March. Medium or heavy breeds are recommended.

Market Rabbits

Pen of 3, Min. 3.5 lbs. / each – Max. 6.5 lbs. / each. Desirable age of fryer rabbits is between 8-12 weeks, but not to exceed 14 weeks. Kindle date not before May 14. **Sale committee does require the "pen" to follow ARBA Standard.**

ENTRY REGULATIONS

- Beginning in 2026, each exhibitor may sell one small pen (poultry or rabbit) OR one large animal. For purposes of pre-tagging and pre-weigh-ins, an exhibitor may pre-weigh up to **TWO (2)** animals/pens; any animal/pen can be traded prior to going on scale. Their **SALE ANIMAL OR PEN** must be selected prior to going across the scale. Family members residing in the same home may tag up to two (2) animals/pens each. The exhibitors must select their **SALE ANIMAL OR PEN** from the family group of animals/pen that were pre-weighed and tagged prior to going across the scale.
- 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters are not allowed to tag extra animals as substitutes for Market Sale Animals.
- Exhibitors wishing to be considered for the Rate of Gain award must weigh on the dates listed below:
Pre-weighing and tagging will be done at the **CHEHALIS LIVESTOCK MARKET** as follows:
Beef – Saturday, March 16th, from 9 – 11 AM
Dairy Heifers – Saturday, March 16th, from 9 AM – 11 AM
Lambs – Sunday, June 7th, from 10 – 11 AM
Goats – Sunday, June 7th, from 10 – 11 AM
Hogs – Sunday, June 7th, from 8 AM – 11 AM
- Pre-tagging and pre-weighing will only take place one time as detailed in #3 above. Pre-weigh-in, max weights allowed, per species follows:
Beef – 1150 lbs./135-155 days out **Lambs – 115 lbs./70-80 days out**
Goats – 95 lbs./70-80 days out **Hogs – 185 lbs./70-80 days out**
(at Youth Fair 130# max.)
Note: **Dairy Heifers** to be weighed in and tagged, no min./max. weight (NOT eligible for the Rate of Gain Contest).
- Each exhibitor makes a commitment to sell their animal at the auction. Fair entries will be completed online through the Southwest Washington Fair website using the FairEntry program accessed at <https://swwf.fairentry.com/>. Entries will be properly completed in accordance with the department, division, and class numbers or letters as given in the official premium list. For market sale animals, use Department 17. For Fitting & Showing, use your species department number. Cut-off dates for all market livestock entries are **July 18th** at 11:59 PM; all entries are electronically date and time stamped.
- Exhibitors may not make an entry of their sale exhibit after **July 18th**. Exhibitors may not withdraw their exhibit from the show or auction sales after 8 PM on fair entry/haul-in day (the Monday prior to Fair).
- Animals must not be in any type of partnerships. If this rule is violated, future entries into the sale may be limited
- Exhibitors and/or others may not buy animals for specific return of animal to the exhibitor or to be shown at other shows and/or sales by any exhibitor.

SALE REGULATIONS

- The official judge may exclude the exhibit from the sale if it fails to meet the minimum grade. Animals/pens sold at the auction will include only blue and red ribbon animals/pens. White ribbon animals/pens will NOT be allowed in the auction sale.
- A shrink percentage will be utilized as follows: Steers and Dairy Heifers - 3%, Lambs, goats, and Hogs - 2%.
- Exhibitors must be present to bring their animal/pen into the auction ring or it will not sell. No proxies allowed.
- All large animals (Beef, Dairy Heifers, Sheep, Goats, and Swine) will be sold by the pound. All small animals will be sold by the pen (Rabbits and Poultry) or individually (turkeys). All sales are final.**
- Sale order is determined by Sale Committee.
- Exhibitors of steers and dairy heifers must complete a bill of sale available at the 4-H Livestock Office on the fairgrounds.
- If dairy heifers are registered, registration papers will accompany animals/sale paperwork.

- NO advertising allowed on any female animal, *except dairy heifers*, regarding animal's eligibility for registration or pedigree indicating its use as a breeding animal.

PAYMENTS FROM SALE

- A fee of up to 4% of the gross sale will be deducted from the sale on each animal/pen. No deduction will be made from any of the add-ons for any animal.
- Proceeds of the sale will be distributed to exhibitors after payment has been received from the buyer. **No payments will be made to exhibitors until all proceeds of the sale have been received by the sale treasurer.** Proceeds of the sale will be distributed as follows: will be available for pickup by exhibitor, parent, club leader or chapter advisor. All remaining checks will be mailed using address listed at time of paperwork submission.

EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Each exhibitor assumes the responsibility for securing at least three potential buyers. Exhibitors are encouraged to provide proof of three buyer contacts, such as copies of letters to prospective buyers, and turn them into the 4-H Livestock Office on the Fairgrounds.
- Exhibitors of steers and dairy heifers must provide buyer with a rope halter, which may or may not be returned to exhibitor. **Buyers of small animals/pens must provide a transport cage.**
- Animals may be grouped together. Exhibitor is responsible for care, feeding, watering and herdsmanhood during the entire duration of the fair, **regardless of when exhibitor's animal/pen leaves the fairgrounds.**
- Each exhibitor is asked to come with a **landscape 5" x 7"** photo of the exhibitor and their project; this will be given to the buyer of the project.
- Each exhibitor must submit a producer affidavit health record at weigh-in.

BUYERS AND THOSE WHO PROVIDE ADD-ONS RESPONSIBILITY

- All Buyers and Add-On Providers will be billed following the sale and are expected to pay by check sent to the Treasurer of the Market Sale.
- Buyer is not to purchase animal/pen for specific return of animal/pen to exhibitor or to show at other shows/sales by any exhibitors.
- Buyer of small animals must provide a transport cage.**

DIVISIONS:

- Market Lamb - (Min. 95 lbs. – Max. 160 lbs.)
- Market Hog - (Min. 225 lbs. – Max. 300 lbs.)
- Market Steer - (Min. 1050 lbs. – Max. 1,500 lbs)
- Market Goat- ¾ or higher Boer, Kiko, or Savannah (Min. 70 lbs.– Max. 130 lbs.)
- Poultry Fryer Pen- Cornish Cross (Min. 5 lbs./each – Max. 8.5 lbs. /each)
- Market Turkey – (Min. 15 lbs. – Max. 35 lbs.)
- Rabbit Fryer Pen of 3 – fryer type breed (Min. 3.5 lbs /each– Max. 6.5 lbs./each)
- Geese – Any medium or heavy breed (min. 10 lbs. - max. 18 lbs.)
- Duck Pen of 3 – Commercial/Jumbo/Hybrid Pekin (5.5 lbs. minimum – 8.5 lbs./each maximum)
- Dairy Heifer

CLASS:

- F. FFA Market Animal (non-premium class)
- H. 4-H Market Animal (non-premium class)

SPECIAL AWARDS/ SPONSORS

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion rosettes will be awarded in each species.

- Merit
- Ultra Sound
- Rate of Gain

A portion of the 4% from each animal will go toward scholarships.