

General Rules and Regulations

Read department pages for rules applicable to specific livestock species.

Age: Junior Exhibitors will be for those exhibitors who are 21 years old and under as of January 1 of the current year.

Entry fee: Boer goats, sheep, and swine are \$10.00 per head. Cattle entry fee is \$15.00 per head.

Entry Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by September 18, 2009.

Junior exhibitors must show their own animals in the show unless they are exhibiting 2 animals in a class, then another junior exhibitor will be permitted to show the second animal. Without a minimum age limit, junior exhibitors must be physically capable of showing their own animal. Exhibitors too young to control their animals will be dismissed from the ring. Youth must have an animal entered in the show in order to be eligible for showmanship.

Attire: Junior exhibitors will wear clean, neat, appropriate show attire while showing. Neat, clean jeans or slacks are recommended along with a clean shirt with some type of sleeve. Exhibitors are prohibited from wearing shirts with inappropriate messages and/or logos. Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Livestock Committee members.

New Breed Divisions: Any breed that has more than 3 exhibitors and 10 head entered will have its own breed show the current year.

Arrival and Release Times: Barns will open beginning Friday, October 9 starting at 8:00 a.m. and animals **must** be in place by 8 a.m., Saturday, October 10. Pen space is assigned and may not be changed unless approved by the show committee. Animals are released at the conclusion of Sunday's shows. **Animals may not leave the grounds before the conclusion of Sunday's shows or premiums will be forfeited.**

Ownership: Animals must have been owned and cared for by exhibitor 30 days prior to the show. The name of the exhibitor must appear, as the owner, on the registration paper. **All animals positively must be in show condition or will not be accepted.**

Registration Papers: All registered animals must have their original registration papers checked prior showing. Goat entries must also include a copy of all registration papers for sanctioning purposes. **Animals must exhibit appropriate identification.**

Care will be taken to protect the animals from injury, but the Delaware Livestock Exposition and/or the Delaware State Fair will not in any way hold themselves responsible for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage sustained. All animals are entered at the owner's risk. The Delaware Livestock Exposition will not be liable for damage to any animals, persons, or personal property. Youth exhibitors are to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

If in the opinion of the judge an entry does not merit a premium, then no premium shall be paid. Further he/she is empowered to limit the top award in any class to a second, third, or lower premium if in his opinion the quality of the class so merits. All decisions by the judge are final. The Delaware Livestock Exposition Committee shall have the right to disqualify any exhibitor for infringement of the rules. All decisions made by the Delaware Livestock Exposition Committee are final regarding interpretation of the rules.

Entries: Exhibitors are limited to two entries per class with the exception of group classes where exhibitors are limited to one entry per class. Substitutions are permitted within the same class provided the animal meets the same requirements. Substitutions must be made no later than check-in. Entry forms may be reproduced.

Bedding: Shavings will be available on a first come first serve basis. Straw and shavings are acceptable. Automatic hog waters will not be available. Mulch bedding will be provided for beef cattle

Beef Exhibitors: Limited tie-outs will be available on first come first serve basis. You may tie out to trailers; however, you must clean up tie-out area. Tie out times will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Mulch bedding will be provided for beef cattle.

Health Requirements: Please read carefully all the health requirements. If there are any questions contact the State Veterinarian’s Office at (302) 698-4500.

The Delaware Livestock Exposition Committee will observe the handling of all animals in and out of the show ring and will have the authority to disqualify any exhibitor for unethical practices. No animal may be muzzled at anytime during the exposition.

Delaware Bred and Owned Awards: There will be an award for the top Delaware bred and owned male and female in each species. Only registered animals are eligible for this award.

Camping Accommodations: Camper hook-ups will be available at \$25.00 per night.

Directions: Please visit www.delawarestatefair.com for directions to the fairgrounds.

Premium Schedule:

There will be special awards for Champion Showman, Supreme Male and Female of Each Species and Best Delaware Bred and Owned Male and Female of Each Species.

Departments A, B, D (Goats, Swine and Sheep)

Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Premium	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7

Department C (Beef)

Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Premium	\$80	\$65	\$50	\$30	\$25	\$15	\$10

Showmanship Premium Schedule

Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Premium	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7