

2011

***ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA
LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE***



HANDBOOK

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES FOR 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

1. Exhibitors must be bona fide members of the Rockbridge 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapter by December 1 in order to show at the fair. First year 4-H or FFA members who have not shown at the fair before as a 4-H or FFA member, are required to attend and participate in one of the two workshops that have been set up. **Membership will be verified by the 4-H and FFA advisors.**
2. **Exhibitors are responsible for providing shavings if it is not provided. Absolutely no sawdust or straw will be permitted in the barn.** Mulch will be available.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their pen(s) at the end of each day, and piling the debris in a designated area.
4. **Unruly animals may be excused from the show or class upon the Judge's discretion. Market Animals excused from their class may be sold to the floor at floor price.**
5. **An exhibitor may be requested by the department Superintendent, 4-H Agent or FFA Instructor to Remove any animal from the grounds that is a danger to the exhibitor, fellow exhibitors or Spectators.**
6. No one is allowed in the Show Ring other than the EXHIBITOR, JUDGE, RINGMASTER, AND PHOTOGRAPHER, unless requested by the Judge or Ring Master.
7. **During the show, only the exhibitor, other Rockbridge County 4-H/FFA members or family may fit Or clip.**
8. The exhibitor of an animal must be the owner of the animal unless the owner has more than one in that class. In which case, the owner will show one animal and a Rockbridge County 4-H/FFA member will show the other. **The superintendent or his/her designee will verify ownership. If the Owner is not present, the animals will be scratched from the class.**
9. The definition of Home Raised Animals is as follows: Any animal that is owned and raised by the exhibitor or immediate family of the exhibitor, (i.e. parents and/or siblings). This includes animals born on the farm . The number of animals that can be shown are two Home Raised animals per Department per exhibitor. All home raised animals of a species will show in one class and only The top ten will receive double premium.
10. Any class splits will be left to the discretion of the species chairman and executive committee.
11. Premium amounts listed on the sliding scale will be paid only if enough money is available.
12. Any animal going through a sale after the ownership and possession date stated in the rules and before the Rockbridge County Fair is ineligible to be shown at the county fair and/or sold in the county market animal sale. The animal(s) must be in continuous ownership and possession of the exhibitor by and after the specified dates.
13. ENTRY FORMS: Entries are available online at www.rockbridgelivestock.org beginning (June 6, 2011). **There will be two entry workshops. Attendance at one of these workshops is mandatory. In Addition, all fees and forms will be collected at the time of registration. Entry fee is \$5 for beef classes and showmanship, \$3 for sheep, hog, and goat classes.**

14. Late entries will be accepted until [June 13, 2011](#) at 11:59 p.m. An additional \$10 per entry will be charged, i.e. \$15 for cattle, \$13 for sheep, hogs, and goats.
15. The use and/or possession of tobacco, alcohol or other controlled substances are prohibited. Members violating this policy will be eliminated from all 4-H/FFA Livestock competitions and will remove their animals from the fairgrounds. They will not be allowed to continue showing or competing in any 4-H/FFA Livestock activities at this year's fair. Entry fees are not refundable for these violations. The executive committee will review the situation and may make further recommendations on discipline. **Coolers are subject to being searched.**
16. Medical Waste: The Virginia Horse Center provides special containers for medical waste (needles, syringes and other medical supplies) disposal in each barn for exhibitors use. Medical waste must not be discarded in stalls, manure pits, garbage cans or on the grounds. Medical wastes must be placed in appropriate containers located in each barn.
17. All exhibitors must wear clean jeans or slacks and a shirt with collar. Shirts must be tucked in. No tank tops or sleeveless blouses. No shorts. Exhibitors will not be allowed to show or sell unless in proper attire.
18. **Intentional misrepresentation of an animal in any way including age of the animal, ownership, prior show activity, altering of the pedigree, or other misinformation provided by the exhibitor is prohibited.**
19. **Animals must be treated and handled in a responsible and humane manner.**
20. **The use of tranquilizers, sedatives or depressants is prohibited.**
21. **Treating an animal internally or externally with any substance or procedure used to artificially change the conformation, appearance, or handling characteristics of the animal for show is prohibited. This does not apply to accepted methods of clipping or combing an animal's hair.**
22. **The use of abusive showing and/or handling practices such as striking animals, or administering an electrical shock to cause swelling, or to affect the bracing behavior of an animal is prohibited.**
23. **Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during or after a competitive even is prohibited.**
24. **Any violation of the general rules will result in forfeiture of premiums and awards, disqualification, possible loss of sale proceeds, probationary status, and/or loss of eligibility for future competition at the Rockbridge County Fair.**
25. **The Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Board of Directors is responsible for the administration of these rules. Their decisions are final and not subject to appeal.**
26. If an animal dies prior to the show, replacement will be allowed as follows. A. The exhibitor notifies the Executive Chairman or another member of the Executive Committee within 24 hours of the death of the animal. If it is a beef animal, a replacement will be allowed up to 100 days before the fair. For hogs, sheep, and goats, replacement will be allowed up to 30 days before the fair. If it is less than 100 days for beef animals, or less than 30 days for all other species, replacement will not be allowed. B. You must be notified in writing by the executive committee that a replacement is within guidelines. If it is a market animal, it must be retagged. C. Replacement animals will not be eligible for Champion, Reserve, Carcass, Home Raised, or Ultrasound classes. They can show in the regular class only. If a replacement wins first place in a class, the second place entry will be eligible to compete for Champion.

Sale Rules

1. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors may sell one market animal of each species; unless an exhibitor has both Grand and Reserve Champion of a species, then both sell in the auction sale.
2. The exhibitor has **two (2)** hours following the completion of each market show to declare the animal they will sell in the auction sale.
3. The auction sale order revolves annually, with the exception of steers. Steers will always sell first. The sale order for the 2011 auction will be champions, steers, **goats, hogs and replacement females and lambs**. The species following steers will rotate to the end of the list the following year.
4. Market lambs grading choice minus or better will be sold through the sale. Steers grading from prime to select minus will sell in the Sale. Market hogs grading 1 or 2, and weighing between 200 and 300 lbs will sell in the Auction Sale. Market goats must grade 1 or 2 to be sold. There is no maximum or minimum weight for steers, goats, and lambs to be sold.
5. The order of sale will be based upon quality (grade) and class placings. For each type of livestock the first sale will be the **highest** placing animal with the lowest grade classification. If a tie exists, weights will determine order, with the lightest weight selling first.
6. Lambs grading below choice minus; standard steers; and utility hogs will not be allowed to sell.
7. Only animals exhibited in the regular market classes at this show may be sold through the sale. Home Raised classes are not regular market classes.
8. The 4-H or FFA member must be present to sell their own animal. Special situations may be considered with written application to the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Advisory Council Executive Committee. Exhibitors must provide written request to Advisory Committee one month prior to show. Auction committee may allow member to receive floor price only.
9. No animal can be sold more than twice at the auction. The first highest bidder may donate the animal back for resale for the benefit of the Livestock Advisory Committee or other not for profit group. However, the second sale can not be for the benefit of any individual 4-H/FFA exhibitor.
10. Animals become the property of the buyer after they are sold. The club members and the Livestock Committee will cooperate in loading out the animals. Animals floored become the property of the floor buyer.
11. All sales are final at the conclusion of the auction
12. No youth animals will be sold through the auction. However, youth animals being transported for processing by the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Advisory Council must have a sale sheet completed by Friday, July 23; no later than 12:00p.m.
13. All exhibitors selling market animals will be charged a 6% commission to help pay auction sale expenses, transportation, buyer reception, etc.
14. All extra and youth market animals must have a completed Livestock Sale Form immediately following the completion of the auction. If this is not completed the animal **will not** be loaded for slaughter and the transportation becomes the responsibility of the seller.
15. Animals will be loaded out for slaughter on Friday night following sale and/or Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m. All animals to be loaded must be left in the barn Friday evening.
16. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs

administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

All exhibitors must comply with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act, and the Wholesome Assurance Statement as published below. Health Regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture require that animals treated with drugs, pesticides or any other chemical must go through the prescribed withdrawal period as listed on the label. Therefore, it is important that exhibitors determine the type of treatments used if the animals must be dipped or treated prior to leaving the point of origin.

USDA WHOLESOME MEAT ACT

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Rockbridge County Fair as follows:

- a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
- b. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
- c. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug.
- d. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
- e. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned. If drug or other chemical residues are found in the urine, blood or tissue from an animal sold through a sale connected with the Rockbridge County Fair, said show will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass or sale price of animal. Exhibitor will forfeit all rights to the sale proceeds and premiums. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug. A drug test, as listed above, requested by anyone other than show management must pay the costs of the test (\$300) prior to administration of the tests. If the results are positive, the money will be refunded and the exhibitor will be liable for the expenses incurred. Members found to be in violation of this rule will be disqualified from exhibiting a market animal the following year at the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale.

17. Thank you notes for sale purchases are due to the extension office two weeks following the closing of the fair. If thank you notes are not submitted, monies will be withheld. Thank you notes will be reviewed for age appropriate completion and correctness. Thank you notes must be written to each buyer (note that some animals have two or more buyers and a separate note must

be written to each one). Colored stationery, and/or printed thank you notes may be used. **Binder paper is not allowed.** Thank you notes must be written in ink. Typed and computer written thank you notes are not acceptable. Envelopes must be properly addressed, stamped and UNSEALED. Notes should be at least one paragraph and easy to read. We will not accept money to purchase stamps.

18. Exhibitor(s) of Champion hog, lamb, and goat are responsible for raising the council animal of that species for the following year's sale. Council animals are sold for the benefit of the Rockbridge Livestock Advisory Council as a fund raiser. Council animals are donated or bought to be raised by the past years' champion exhibitor for the benefit and continuation of the livestock show and sale. If an exhibitor/youth is unable to fulfill this obligation, it is recommended that the exhibitor/youth make arrangements for another exhibitor/youth to raise the animal and provide financial support.

LIVESTOCK SHOW AWARDS

CATTLE DEPARTMENT

New Premium Level Sliding Scale

Class Awards are as follows:

The premium amounts listed on the sliding scale will be paid only if enough money is available.

# Shown	Placings									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	6									
2	8	6								
3	10	8	6							
4	12	10	8	6						
5	14	12	10	8	6					
6	16	14	12	10	8	6				
7	18	16	14	12	10	8	6			
8	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6		
9	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	
10	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6

**Home Raised Animal Premiums are double the premiums for their respective departments, but will be paid only through the top ten.

Grand Champion Award: Award

Reserve Champion Award: Award

*Showmanship Champions: Award

The following department awards are as follows:

GOAT DEPARTMENT

SHEEP DEPARTMENT

SWINE DEPARTMENT

Class Awards are as follows: The premium amount listed on the sliding scale will be paid only if enough money is available.

Slide Scale#
Shown

Slide Scale# Shown	Placings									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	4									
2	6	4								
3	8	6	4							
4	10	8	6	4						
5	12	10	8	6	4					
6	14	12	10	8	6	4				
7	16	14	12	10	8	6	4			
8	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4		
9	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	
10	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4

**Home Raised Animal Premiums are double the premiums for their respective departments, but will be paid only through the top ten.

Grand Champion Award: Award

Reserve Champion Award: Award

*Showmanship Champions: Award

Costume Class: Ribbons ONLY (Sheep, Goat or Calf)

*Supreme Showmanship Class: No Premiums Awarded; Supreme Showman will receive an award.

LIVESTOCK SHOW AWARDS

CARCASS SHOW AWARDS: STEERS

# of entries	Placings									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	12									
2	14	12								
3	16	14	12							
4	18	16	14	12						
5	20	18	16	14	12					
6	22	20	18	16	14	12				
7	24	22	20	18	16	14	12			
8	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12		
9	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	
10	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12

CARCASS SHOW AWARDS: GOATS, LAMBS AND HOGS

# of entries	Placings									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	10									
2	12	10								
3	14	12	10							
4	16	14	12	10						
5	18	16	14	12	10					
6	20	18	16	14	12	10				
7	22	20	18	16	14	12	10			
8	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10		
9	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	
10	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10

Premiums will be paid through a maximum of 10 placings, regardless of the number of entries. (Example: If more than 10 entries are received, only the top 10 will receive cash awards).

First place in each specie will also receive an award.

ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA SHOWMANSHIP

1. SHOWMANSHIP:

1. Exhibitors must fill out entry forms for Showmanship classes.
2. Exhibitors must show an animal that has been entered in their name in another class.
3. Animals in Showmanship classes will be shown clean, dry, and unfitted. Animals may be clipped and brushed or combed, but no additives or sprays allowed.
4. The classes for each species listed below are Junior Showmanship (9-11 years); Intermediate Showmanship (12-13 years); Senior Showmanship (14-19 years); Master Showmanship** and Novice Showmanship (exhibitor never having shown that species before at the Rockbridge County Fair). All ages are as of September 30, 2010.

***Masters are any senior exhibitor that has won that species as a senior in the past. This class will be composed of only other previous senior showmanship winners in that specie.*

1. Sheep
2. Swine
3. Beef Cattle
4. Dairy Cattle
5. Meat Goats
6. Dairy Goats

ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP

Friday, July 23, 2010

12:00 P.M.

1. A single exhibitor will be named the 4-H/FFA Supreme Showman. A top Showman from each species will be selected regardless of age classification. These individuals will then compete for the Supreme Showman by exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, meat goats, and Dairy goats.
2. The first specie won by exhibitor will be the species that the exhibitor will represent in the Supreme Showmanship Contest.
3. **If the winner of a class is not eligible to represent that specie in Supreme Showmanship , the 2nd place individual in the respective class may show in the final drive**
4. After winning the Supreme Showmanship Award once, an exhibitor is not eligible to compete again.
5. *Supreme Showmanship Class: No Premiums Awarded; Supreme Showman will receive an award.

ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA MARKET GOAT SHOW

CLASSES:

1. Home Raised Market Goats must be wether or doe. Animals must be owned and raised by 4-H/FFA member or immediate family of the exhibitor, i.e. parents and/or siblings. See general rule 10.
2. Market Goats (Born December 1, 2010 or after) - Classes will be determined by weight at time of weigh-in. Goats must be a wether or doe to be shown in market class. Bucks will not be allowed.

***Champion Market Goat**

***Reserve Champion Market Goat**

RULES:

1. Market Goats must be owned by and in possession of the exhibitor by April 29, 2011. Market goats must be weighed and tagged on April 29, 2011 from 6pm-8pm or April 30, 2011 from 9am to 11am at Jerry Swisher's scales.
2. All goats must be washed, dry and fitted.
3. Goats may be shown with or without halters.
4. Exhibitors may show up to four(4) market goats.
5. Market Goats - Each exhibitor may sell only one market goat at the auction unless one exhibitor has both Champion and Reserve Champion. In this case both goats must sell.
6. Goats must grade #1 or #2 to be sold. There is no weight limit.
7. All animals must have an approved health certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian or be from a certified herd with current certification. Goats exhibiting signs of disease must be removed from the grounds.
8. SCRAPIE IDENTIFICATION: All market does must have an official USDA Scrape Identification ear tag prior to the show.

ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA BREEDING GOAT SHOW

DIVISION I: DAIRY BREEDS

CLASSES:

1. Jr. Does (Born February 16, 2011 or later).
2. Does (Born August 1, 2008 to February 15, 2011).
3. Dry Yearlings (Never freshened) 12 months to 24 months of age.
4. Milers under 2 years of age.
5. Milers 2 years and older.

***Champion Dairy Doe Goat *Reserve Champion Dairy Doe Goat**

DIVISION II: MEAT BREEDS

CLASSES:

1. Junior Doe Kid (Born February 16, 2011 or later).
2. Intermediate Doe Kid (Born January 1, to February 15, 2011).
3. Senior Doe Kid (Born September 1, to December 31, 2010).
4. Breeding Doe -1 year and older.
5. Junior Buck Kid (Born February 16, 2011 or later).
6. Intermediate Buck Kid (Born January 1 to February 15, 2011).
7. Senior Buck Kid (Born September 1, to December 31, 2010).
8. Breeding Buck -1 year and older.

***Champion Meat Breed Doe *Reserve Champion Meat Breed Doe**
***Champion Meat Breed Buck *Reserve Champion Meat Breed Buck**

RULES:

1. All breeding goats must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor by June 1, 2011.
2. Market Goats may not be shown in the breeding show.
3. All goats must be washed, dry and fitted.
4. Goats may be shown with or without halters.
5. All animals must have an approved health certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian or be from a certified herd with current certification. Goats exhibiting signs of disease must be removed from the grounds.
6. SCRAPIE IDENTIFICATION: All breeding goats that are bucks and does must have an official USDA Scrape Identification ear tag prior to the show.

ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA BREEDING SHEEP SHOW

DIVISION I - REGISTERED EWES

DIVISION II - COMMERCIAL EWES (ANY EWES NOT REGISTERED) CLASSES:

1. Yearling Ewe - 1 year and under
 2. Senior Ewe Lamb (Born Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2010).
 3. Intermediate Ewe Lamb (Born Jan. 1, to Feb. 15, 2011).
 4. Junior Ewe Lamb (Born February 16, 2011 or later).
- *Champion Ewe** ***Reserve Champion Ewe**
5. Pen of 4 Lambs - Both sexes represented.
 6. Flock Class - 1 ram, 1 yearling ewe, and 1 ewe lamb.

DIVISION III - Rams

1. Registered Ram - 1 year and over.
2. Commercial Ram - 1 year and over.
3. Registered Senior Ram Lamb - Born Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2010.
4. Commercial Senior Ram Lamb - Born Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2010.
5. Registered Intermediate Ram Lamb - Born Jan. 1 to Feb. 15, 2011.
6. Registered Junior Ram Lamb - Born Feb. 16, 2011 and later.

***Champion Ram** ***Reserve Champion Ram**

RULES:

1. All Breeding Sheep must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor by June 1, 2011.
2. All sheep must be washed, dry and fitted.
3. Sheep may be shown with or without halters.
4. No market lambs may be entered in the breeding show.
5. All sheep entered in Division I classes must be registered in the exhibitor's name. Registration papers will be checked on show day before class competition. Papers must be in exhibitor's name.
6. Registered rams may be shown in both commercial and registered flock classes.
7. Commercial flocks may consist of registered and commercial ewes. Registered ewes shown in this class will not be the same ewes shown in the purebred flock class. ALL sheep in the Division I flock class MUST BE registered.
8. The commercial flock must have one or more sheep, which are not registered.
9. All sheep must be shown by their owners. If help is needed, a Rockbridge County 4-H/FFA member may assist.
10. All animals must have an approved health certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian or be from a certified flock with current certification. Any animal showing signs of sore mouth, foot rot, or infectious and/or contagious diseases must be removed from the fair grounds.
11. SCRAPIE IDENTIFICATION: All breeding sheep entered to be shown (rams and ewes) regardless of age must have in place, official USDA Scrapie Identification ear tags.
12. If less than six head in a breed, they will be grouped as other.
13. The winners of the Registered Ram Classes and the winners of the Commercial Ram Classes will compete for the overall Champion and Reserve Champion Rams.

ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA MARKET LAMB SHOW

INDIVIDUAL CLASSES:

1. Home Raised (animals must be owned and raised by 4-H/FFA member or immediate family of the exhibitor, i.e. parents and/or siblings.)
2. Individuals: All lambs will be shown by weight regardless of breed. Classes will be made up after entries are weighed.

***Champion Market Lamb**

***Reserve Champion Market Lamb**

RULES:

1. Lambs must be owned by and in possession of the exhibitor by April 29, 2011. Lambs will be weighed and tagged at Jerry Swisher's Scales on April 29th from 6pm-8pm or April 30 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Lambs not weighed and tagged will not show. All animals must be properly castrated prior to weigh-in.

2. Exhibitors may show up to four (4) market lambs.
3. Market lambs must be slick shorn and washed.
4. Ewes or wether lambs may be shown.
5. Wethers must be healed; no short scrotum lambs.
6. No breeding sheep may be shown in the market lamb show.
7. Each exhibitor may sell only one lamb at auction unless one exhibitor has both Grand and Reserve Champion Lamb. In this case, both lambs must sell. Lambs that grade below choice minus may be shown but will not be sold.
8. All animals must have an approved health certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian or be from a certified flock with current certification. Any animal showing signs of sore mouth, foot rot, or an infectious or contagious disease will be removed from the fair grounds.
9. SCRAPIE IDENTIFICATION: All market lambs that are ewe lambs, must have an official USDA Scrapie Identification ear tag prior to the show.

ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA BREEDING CATTLE SHOW

DIVISION I - REGISTERED CATTLE

- A. Angus
- B. Simmental
- C. Shorthorn
- D. Hereford
- E. Charolais
- F. Red Angus
- G. Limousin
- H. Other

DIVISION II - COMMERCIAL CATTLE - FEMALE ONLY (Not Eligible For Div. I)

CLASSES:

1. Home Raised, Division II – Commercial Cattle Only, animals must be owned and raised by 4-H/FFA member or immediate family of the exhibitor, i.e. parents and/or siblings).
2. Junior Heifer Calf - Calved January 1, 2011 and after.
3. Senior Heifer Calf - Calved September 1 - December 31, 2010.
4. Intermediate Yearling Heifer - Calved May 1 - August 31, 2010.
5. Junior Yearling Heifer - Calved January 1 - April 30, 2010.
6. Senior Yearling Heifer - Calved September 1 - December 31, 2009.
7. Cow - Two (2) years of age or older by August 31, 2011.
8. Cow/calf pair - calf age requirements of Class 2 apply. (either sex can be shown)
9. Bred and Owned heifers, Division I only (Jr. member must be the owner of Dam at breeding and Jr. member must be listed as the breeder and first owner of the calf being exhibited).

***Champion Female *Reserve Champion Female**

*Supreme Champion Female. (Champion Females from Divisions I and II.)

* Champion and Reserve Champion Bred and Owned (First place winners from class #9 for all breeds)

DIVISION III-REGISTERED BULLS

1. Junior Bull Calf - Calved January 1, 2011 and after.
2. Senior Bull Calf - Calved September 1 - December 31, 2010.

***Champion Bull *Reserve Champion Bull**

RULES:

1. Exhibitors must be in possession of cattle on or before June 1, 2011. Cattle two (2) months or older must have registration papers and papers will be checked on show day before class competition. **Papers must be in the name of the exhibitor.**
2. All cattle must be clean and dry. Fitting will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor.
3. All cattle must be halter-broken to tie and lead.
4. All cattle must be de-horned and healed.
5. Exhibitors must be in possession of cattle on or before June 1, 2011. Cattle two (2) months or older must have registration papers and papers will be checked on show day before class competition. Papers can be in individual, farm or family name.
6. Classes will be split by breed. Breed champions will compete for overall Supreme Champion Female.
7. All cattle must have an approved Health Certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian showing that they are free from contagious and/or infectious diseases. Animals exhibiting signs of infectious and/or contagious diseases will be removed from the fair grounds.
8. All registered bulls will compete in the same classes according to age.

2011 Replacement Heifer Program Rules

1. An exhibitor can sell both a beef replacement heifer and a market steer for 2011.
2. Registered or Commercial beef replacements are eligible.
3. If an exhibitor declares that a heifer is registered. The registration papers must be signed off and submitted to the livestock office by July 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The seller will be required to furnish an AI certificate for registration of the calf. The seller will pay all costs associated for transfer of registration.
4. Commercial heifers must be dehorned and healed. No dairy crosses allowed.
5. Age limit for beef replacement heifers will be September 1, 2009-April 30, 2010.
6. They must be eligible for Breeding Cattle Shows Class 5 or Class 6, a Jr. or Sr. Yearling Heifer. For cattle to be eligible for participation in the Replacement Heifer Auction, they must also be entered and shown in the 4-H/FFA Breeding Cattle division of the 2011 Rockbridge County Fair.
7. The placing in these classes will determine sale order. Class 6 cattle will sell before Class 5, based on placing. With longest bred heifers selling prior to open cattle.
8. All heifers must be broke to lead and tie.
9. All heifers must be clean and dry. Fitting will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor.
10. Each exhibitor may enter two beef replacement heifers into the replacement heifer program. Each exhibitor will only be able to sell one.
11. All replacement heifers will be ultra-sounded for pregnancy on Tuesday, July 20, 2011 following market animal weigh-in.
12. Accurate records need to be kept on the heifers. The exhibitors need to provide the records of vaccination and breeding exposure.
13. Cattle should be properly vaccinated for breeding. Suggested vaccinations include: 4-way viral plus 5-way leptospirosis and vibriosis protection, clostridial, calfhood scour vaccination, and a treatment for internal and external parasites.
14. Exhibitor is responsible for sale commission (6%) and ultra-sound cost. The cost for ultra-sounding will be \$6/head.
15. Replacement heifers will be weighed and tagged in at the Spring Weigh-In on April 29th from 6pm to 8pm or April 30th from 9am to 11am at Swisher's Scales.
16. All cattle must have an approved health certificate signed with-in 30 days by an accredited veterinarian, showing that they are free from contagious and infectious diseases. Animals exhibiting signs of contagious or infectious disease will be removed from the fair ground.

ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

DIVISION I - PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE

- A. Holstein
- B. Jersey
- C. Other

CLASSES:

1. Junior Heifer Calf - Calved January 1, 2011 and after.
2. Senior Heifer Calf - Calved September 1 - December 31, 2010.
3. Intermediate Yearling Heifer - Calved May 1 - Aug. 31, 2010.
4. Junior Yearling Heifer - Calved January 1 - April 30, 2010.
5. Senior Yearling Heifer - Calved September 1 - Dec. 31, 2009.
6. Bred and owned heifers (Jr. member must be the owner of Dam at breeding and Jr. member must be listed as the breeder and first owner of the calf being exhibited).

***Champion Female *Reserve Champion Female**

*Supreme Champion Female. (Champion Females from Divisions IA, IB, and IC).

*Champion and Reserve Champion Bred and Owned (First place winners from class #7 for all breeds)

RULES:

1. Exhibitors must be in possession of cattle on or before June 1, 2011.
2. All cattle must be clean and dry. Fitting will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor.
3. All cattle must be halter broke to tie and lead.
4. All cattle must be dehorned and healed.
5. Exhibitors must be in possession of cattle on or before June 1, 2011.
6. Breed champions will compete for overall Supreme Champion Dairy Female.
7. All cattle must have an approved Health Certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian showing that they are free from contagious or infectious diseases. Animals exhibiting signs of contagious and/or infectious diseases will be removed from the fair grounds.
8. Dairy cattle must be purebred, but are not required to be registered.

ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA FEEDER STEER SHOW

DIVISION I - 4-H/FFA STEER CALVES, born November 1, 2009 or after

CLASSES:

1. Calves will be weighed and classes determined at weigh-in.
*Champion Feeder Steer *Reserve Champion Feeder Steer

RULES:

1. Cattle must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor on or before June 1, 2011.
2. Exhibitors can show up to three (3) feeder steers.
3. Fitting will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor.
4. All cattle must be halter broken to tie and lead.
5. All cattle must be dehorned and healed.
6. All cattle must have an approved Health Certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian showing that they are free from contagious or infectious disease. Animals exhibiting signs of contagious or infectious diseases will be removed from the fair grounds.

ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA MARKET STEER SHOW

DIVISION I - MARKET STEERS

1. Home Raised (animals must be owned and raised by 4-H/FFA member or immediate family of the exhibitor, i.e. parents and/or siblings).
2. All steers will be shown by weight regardless of breed. Classes will be made up after entries are weighed.

***Champion Market Steer**

***Reserve Champion Market Steer**

RULES:

1. All steers must be slick shorn within two (2) weeks prior to the market steer show. All steers must be shown clean and unfitted. The use of adhesives or paint is prohibited. Products such as oils, conditioners and show sheen may be used.
2. All steers must be halter broke to tie and lead.
3. All steers must be dehorned and healed.
4. Steers must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor by December 4, 2010. Steers will be weighed and tagged December 4, 2010 at Jerry Swisher's Scales. Steers not weighed and tagged will not show. All animals must be properly castrated prior to weigh-in.
5. Each exhibitor may enter 3 steers. Grand and Reserve Champion steers must be sold. Each exhibitor may sell only one steer at auction unless one exhibitor has both Grand and Reserve Champion Steer. In this case, both steers must sell. Steers must grade at least Select Minus to be sold. Steers grading below Select Minus will not sell.
6. All cattle must have an approved Health Certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian showing that they are free from contagious and infectious diseases. Animals exhibiting signs of infectious and/or contagious diseases will be removed from the fairgrounds.

ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA MARKET HOG SHOW

CLASSES:

1. Home Raised (animals must be owned and raised by 4-H/FFA member or immediate family of the exhibitor, i.e. parents and/or siblings). Classes will be assembled after weigh-in.
2. Individuals: All hogs will be shown by weight regardless of breed. Classes will be made up after entries are weighed.

***Champion Market Hog**

***Reserve Champion Market Hog**

RULES:

1. Hogs must be owned by and in possession of the exhibitor by April 29, 2011. Hogs will be weighed and tagged on April 29 from 6pm-8pm or April 30 from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. at Jerry Swisher's Scales. Hogs not weighed and tagged will not show. All animals must be properly castrated prior to weigh-in.
2. Exhibitors can show up to four (4) hogs.
3. Hogs must be washed in **approved wash stalls only**.
4. Barrows or gilts may be shown.
5. Barrows must be healed.
6. Grand and Reserve Champion market hogs must be sold.
7. Each exhibitor may sell only one hog at auction unless one exhibitor has both Grand and Reserve Champion Hog. In this case, both hogs must sell. Hogs must weigh between 200 and 300 pounds and grade no less than #1 or #2 to sell. If under 200 pounds or over 300 pounds these hogs can be shown, but not sold. **There will be a lightweight class for hogs under 200 pounds and a heavyweight class for animals over 300 pounds. These animals will not be eligible to compete for champion or reserve champion awards.**
9. All animals must have an approved Health Certificate signed 30 days or less prior to the show by an accredited veterinarian.

ROCKBRIDGE 4-H/FFA BREEDING GILT SHOW

Breeding Gilt Classes:

Breeds – Both purebred and crossbred gilts are eligible, but there will NOT be specific breed classes.

Weight – Open gilts weighing up to 350 lbs; Gilts over 350 lbs. are not eligible.

Divisions – Gilts will be divided into divisions by weight. The division break points are as follows:

1. Prospect Division (gilts weighing up to 150 lbs.)
2. Progress Division (gilts weighing from 151 lbs. to 240 lbs.)
3. Mature Division (gilts weighing from 241 lbs. to 350 Lbs)

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand champion will be selected.

Classes: The number of classes within each of the three divisions will vary based on the number of entries

1. Exhibitors must be in possession of breeding gilts on or before June 1, 2011
2. All gilts must be clean and dry. Fitting will be left to the discretion of the exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors can show up to four (4) gilts.
4. Gilts must be washed and clean.
5. All gilts must have an approved Health Certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian showing that they are free from contagious and/or infectious diseases. Animals exhibiting signs of infectious and/or contagious diseases will be removed from the fair grounds.
6. All gilts must be permanently identified via tattoo or identification tag prior to entry deadlines.

HERDSMANSHIP COMPETITION

The herdsmanship contest is a way for members to demonstrate their knowledge of safety procedures and display their animals to the public and other 4-H members. Herdsmanship is designed to provide experience in developing courtesy, cooperation and neatness and the proper care of animals.

Judging for the Herdsmanship Award will be done throughout the show and will be done for cattle, hogs, sheep and goats. Winners will be selected in each species. Families will be considered as a single exhibitor and not separated.

Basis for Scoring

Animal Presentation (0-40 points)

- Securely tied or penned
- Clean and Comfortable
- Regularly fed, watered and cared for
- No manure behind animals (cattle)
- Animals cross tied where appropriate
- Mulch neat and orderly
- Feed pans removed, water buckets secured

Barn Area (0-40 points)

- Clean and Orderly
- Alleys, Stalls and Pens Cleaned
- Stalls to be well bedded
- Cleaning equipment stored in a safe manner
- Tack and Grooming Equipment stored neatly
- Feed area neat and orderly

Identification/Marketing (0 – 20 points)

- Exhibitor/Farm Signs
- Other information provided

HERDSMANSHIP AWARD

Cash Awards: \$25.00 - By species

RECORD BOOK COMPETITION

- Exhibitors are required to submit one completed Project Record Book for judging as part of the total education experience. Important: Show premiums will be withheld if no record is turned in by the exhibitor. Exhibitors are required to submit at least one book but are encouraged to submit books for each species entered in the fair. Books will be judged as Junior (ages 9-11 as of September 30, 2010), Intermediate (ages 12-13 as of September 30, 2010), and Senior (ages 14 and older as of September 30, 2010). Books will be separated by species and judged against the criteria listed below. Exhibitors are reminded that this is a project record book and not a scrap book. Exhibitors are encouraged to limit the number of extra pages added to the record book to two (2). Pictures of the exhibitor and project animal are acceptable. Completed books are to be submitted to the Rockbridge County Extension Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2010. Late books will not be eligible for awards. If the record book is found to be incomplete, no premium will be awarded. **CRITERIA FOR RECORD BOOKS**

1. Completeness
2. Accuracy
3. Neatness

RECORD BOOK AWARDS

Gold Award \$15 (90-100 points) Silver Award \$10 (80-89 points) Bronze Award \$5 (79 or below)

ULTRASOUND CONTEST

CLASSES:

1. Steers
2. Lambs
3. Hogs
4. Goats

RULES:

1. Only animals entered in the market animal shows are eligible.
2. Entry fees are as follows: Steers - \$10.00/entry, lambs, hogs and goats \$8.00/entry.
3. Carcass ultrasound data will be collected at weigh-in on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 by a CUP - certified ultrasound technician, and will be submitted to the Centralization Ultrasound Processing Lab in Iowa for tabulation.
4. Entries will be ranked according to carcass merit and cash awards will be distributed to the top 10 placings in each species.
5. Premiums will be paid according to the sliding scale for carcass show awards.
6. First place winners in each class will also receive an award.

STOCKMAN'S CONTEST
Saturday, July 24, 2010
10:30 a.m.

The stockmen's contest is a test of general knowledge of livestock. Contest format is similar to the State Fair stockmen's contest. Classes include a 25-question multiple choice quiz (100 points), identification of feeds, equipment, breeds, retail meats cuts (50 points each class). Sample contest materials and previous year's quizzes can be found at the 4H Livestock Website, <http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/livestock/>.

Classes

- 1. Written test with 25 questions concerning total livestock industry.....100 points
- 2. Identification of 10 pieces of livestock equipment.50 points
- 3. Identification of 10 breeds of beef cattle, sheep, and hogs.50 points
- 4. Identification of 10 feeds.50 points
- 5. Identification of 10 retail cuts of meat.....50 points
- TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS.....300 Points**

****Ties will be broken on the total written test score, if a tie exists in the first tiebreaker it will be broken on identification of retail cuts of meat.**

Stockman's Contest Awards

Contestants will be divided into two groups, Juniors (9-13) and Seniors (14-19). A top contestant will be awarded a savings bond for each age group. All exhibitors will be placed and ribbons given.

SWEEPSTAKES CONTEST

- The purpose of the sweepstakes contest is to select the exhibitor who excels in the show ring, has general knowledge of the livestock industry and maintains accurate records for their project. The sweepstakes contest is open to all livestock exhibitors at the fair and will be divided into two age classifications – Junior (ages 9-13 years) and Senior (ages 14-19 years).
- Points will be accumulated during the show based on the animals placing.
- Each exhibitor will choose one animal prior to the show that they wish to use for the sweepstakes. Throughout the week, points will be awarded for that animal's class placing, that species showmanship class placing, the stockman's contest and the record book competition. The points will be totaled to determine the overall Senior and Overall Junior Sweepstakes winner.
- Home Raised Classes do not apply and no points are awarded for Champion or Reserve placings.

Sweepstakes Points

# of entries	Placings									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	10									
2	20	10								
3	30	20	10							
4	40	30	20	10						
5	50	40	30	20	10					
6	60	50	40	30	20	10				
7	70	60	50	40	30	20	10			
8	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10		
9	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10	
10	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10

Animal Placings will use the above scale.

Showmanship Placings will use the above scale

Record Books will be based on a 1-100 pt. scale

Stockman's Contest will be the total score out of 300 pts.

Youth General Rules

1. All exhibitors must attend at least 2 meetings to be eligible to show.
2. All Goats, Lambs and Hogs must be born after December 1, 2010. All calves must be born after March 15, 2011.
3. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 5-8 years of age as of September 30, 2011.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY YOUTH MARKET GOAT SHOW

CLASS 1: YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP EXHIBITORS

CLASS 2: NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP - YOUTH EXHIBITORS WHO HAVE NOT SHOWN GOATS PREVIOUSLY AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY FAIR

CLASS 3: DAIRY BREEDS

CLASS 4: MEAT BREEDS

*First and second place goats from each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion

RULES:

1. Goats must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor by April 29, 2011.
2. All goats must be tagged at Jerry Swisher's scales on April 29th from 6pm-8pm or April 30th from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Goats not tagged will not show.
3. Each exhibitor may only exhibit two goats in each class.
4. All exhibitors must wear clean jeans or slacks and a shirt with a collar. Shirts must be tucked in. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts or blouses. No shorts. Exhibitors will not be allowed to show unless in proper attire.
5. All animals must have an approved health certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian or be from a certified herd with current certification. Goats exhibiting signs of disease must be removed from the Fair grounds.
6. SCRAPIE IDENTIFICATION: All breeding goats entered to be shown (bucks and does) regardless of age must have in place official USDA Scrapie Identification ear tags prior to the show.
7. Goats will not be sold.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY YOUTH MARKET HOG SHOW

CLASS 1: YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP EXHIBITORS

CLASS 2: NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP - YOUTH EXHIBITORS WHO HAVE NOT SHOWN HOGS PREVIOUSLY AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY FAIR

CLASS 3: INDIVIDUAL HOGS

Classes will be determined by weight at time of weigh-in.

*Champion Market Hog

*Reserve Champion Market Hog

RULES:

1. Hogs must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor by April 29, 2011. Exhibitors will be limited to two (2) hogs. All hogs must be tagged at Jerry Swisher's scales on April 29th from 6pm to 8pm or April 30th from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Hogs not tagged will not show.
2. Hogs must be washed.
3. Barrows or gilts may be shown.
4. Barrows must be healed.
5. Hogs will NOT be sold.
6. Hogs should weigh between 200 - 300 lbs.
7. All exhibitors must wear clean jeans or slacks and a shirt with collar. Shirts must be tucked in. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts or blouses. No shorts. Exhibitors will not be allowed to show unless in proper attire.
8. All animals must have an approved Health Certificate signed 30 days prior to the show by an accredited veterinarian.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY YOUTH MARKET LAMB SHOW

CLASS 1: YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP EXHIBITORS

CLASS 2: NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP - YOUTH EXHIBITORS WHO HAVE NOT SHOWN
LAMBS PREVIOUSLY AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY FAIR

CLASS 3: INDIVIDUAL LAMBS

Classes will be determined by weight at time of weigh-in.

*Champion Market Lamb

*Reserve Champion Market Lamb

RULES:

1. Lambs must be owned by and in the possession of the exhibitor by April 29, 2011. Exhibitors will be limited to two (2) lambs. All lambs must be tagged at Jerry Swisher's scales on April 29th from 6pm to 8pm or April 30th from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Lambs not tagged will not show.
2. Market lambs must be slick shorn and washed.
3. Ewe or wether lambs may be shown.
4. Wethers must be healed; no short scrotum lambs.
5. Lambs will be shown on a halter.
6. Lambs will NOT be sold.
7. All exhibitors must wear clean jeans or slacks and a shirt with a collar. Shirts must be tucked in. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts or blouses. No shorts. Exhibitors will not be allowed to show unless in proper attire.
8. All animals must have an approved health certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian or be from a certified flock with current certification. Any animal showing signs of sore mouth, foot rot and contagious and/or infectious diseases will be removed from the fair grounds.
9. SCRAPIE IDENTIFICATION: All market lambs that are ewe lambs, must have an official USDA Scrapie Identification ear tag prior to the show.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY YOUTH FEEDER CALF SHOW

CLASS 1: YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP EXHIBITORS

CLASS 2: NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP - YOUTH EXHIBITORS WHO HAVE NOT SHOWN CALVES PREVIOUSLY AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY FAIR

CLASS 3: Dairy Steers Born March 15 – June 1, 2011.

CLASS 4: Dairy Heifers Born March 15 – June 1, 2011.

CLASS 5: Beef Steers Born March 15 – June 1, 2011.

CLASS 6: Beef Heifers Born March 15 – June 1, 2011.

*Champion Beef Steer/Champion Beef Heifer

*Reserve Champion Beef Steer/Reserve Champion Beef Heifer

*Champion Dairy Steer/Champion Dairy Heifer

*Reserve Champion Dairy Steer/Reserve Champion Dairy Heifer

DEFINITION: Dairy calves are by dairy bulls from dairy cows. Half-dairy calves will be shown in the beef classes.

RULES:

1. Cattle must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor between the dates of March 15 and June 1, 2010.
2. All cattle must be clean, dry and unfitted.
3. Each exhibitor may have a total of two entries per class.
4. All cattle must be halter broken to tie and lead.
5. All cattle must be dehorned; castrated and healed.
6. All exhibitors must wear clean jeans or slacks and a plain shirt with collar. Shirts must be tucked in. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts or blouses. No shorts. Exhibitors will not be allowed to show unless in proper attire.
7. All cattle must have an approved Health Certificate signed within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian showing that they are free from contagious or infectious disease. Animals exhibiting signs of contagious and/or infectious diseases will be removed from the fair grounds.
8. Calves may be brought in Saturday morning and will be released Saturday afternoon.

COSTUME CLASS

All species (sheep, goat or cattle) will be shown in the same class. Entries will be non-market animals.

CLASSES:

1. Rockbridge/Botetourt Youth ages 5-8 as of September 30, 2011.
2. Rockbridge 4-H/FFA members age 9-18 as of September 30, 2011.

RULES:

1. Pick a topic and write a short story about your costume. Include your name, age, parents name and something about yourself.
2. Animal's costumes should correspond to the topic of the story.
3. Entries are due the day of the contest. Turn stories into the show office at the time of sign up in the East Complex.

Non-Ownership Showmanship Classes

Rules:

- 1) Open to youth ages 9-19. Youth does not have to be a 4-H or FFA member.
- 2) Must have a parent or legal guardian sign a waiver releasing Rockbridge County 4-H and FFA of any liability or fault if an accident were to occur.
- 3) Classes are not awarded premiums, only ribbons.
- 4) All decisions by the judge are final.
- 5) Exhibitor must wear close-toed shoes in order to participate.
- 6) Exhibitors are asked not to wear ball caps or chew gum while in the show ring.
- 7) Class breaks will be determined by the Show Committee Chairman on the day of the show based on the following: availability of animals, number of people signed up, age and experience of those signed up.
- 8) Those exhibitors from Rockbridge County who have already competed in showmanship classes are not eligible to participate in non-ownership classes for any specie that they have previously shown with at the current fair.
- 9) If a shortage of animals occurs, preference will be given to novice exhibitors.
- 10) Junior novice exhibitors showing beef cattle may be accompanied by a senior exhibitor or parent, but may only receive help if the animal is unruly or hurting the exhibitor.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK ADVISORY COUNCIL

BY LAWS

Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as the Rockbridge County 4-H/FFA Livestock Advisory Council.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be five-fold:

1. To create and sustain the interest of youth
2. To develop and support 4-H/FFA Youth livestock programs.
3. To coordinate and/or assist with all youth livestock activities.
4. To provide for and develop leadership opportunities for youth and adults.
5. To cooperate with the Extension/FFA staffs.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership in this organization is open to all persons 14 years of age or older, interested in youth and livestock, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status; parents, youth, leaders, agri-business persons, and other interested individuals from Rockbridge or surrounding counties.

Section 2. Membership Dues

This shall be an annual membership fee of \$1.00 per member. To be a voting member you must pay the Annual Membership Dues **by December 1st. Membership shall remain current for a maximum of one year, and will expire on September 30th of the same membership year.**

Article IV – Executive Board

Section 1. Name

The Executive Board shall be known as the **Executive Committee** of the Rockbridge County 4-H/FFA Livestock Advisory Council.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this board shall be four-fold:

- a. To bring recommendations to the Rockbridge County 4-H/FFA Livestock Advisory Council where the final decisions will be made.
- b. To have a group of people who are empowered to make decisions when it is not feasible or necessary for the Advisory Council to meet.

- c. To condense the amount of time spent at the Rockbridge County 4-H/FFA Livestock Advisory Council meetings.
- d. To consider and formulate policy as recommended by the Council.
- e. **To decide disciplinary action in accordance with the rules and policies of the Rockbridge County Livestock Show and Sale before, during, or after the actual event.**
- f. **To facilitate rule changes for the Rockbridge County Fair Livestock Show and Sale.**

Section 3. Board Membership

The **Executive Committee** shall consist of members as follows:

- a. Five adults each representing an interest in beef and/or swine and/or dairy and/or goat and/or sheep.
- b. Two youth, 14 and older, one representing 4-H and one representing FFA with an interest in livestock, **with non-voting privileges.**
- c. Treasurer of the Rockbridge County 4-H/FFA Livestock Advisory Council with non-voting privileges. If treasurer is an elected member of the board then he/she shall have voting privileges.
- d. **Rockbridge County Extension Agents or Youth Support Staff, FFA Instructor(s),** and the immediate past Chairman of the **Executive Committee** shall be ex-officio members, with non-voting privileges.
- e. Only elected members of the **Executive Committee** shall have voting privileges.

Section 4. How Nominated

In August, a committee named by the Chairperson shall nominate the adult candidates for the **Executive Committee**. The nominating committee will report a slate of adult nominees to the **Executive Committee** at the September meeting. The **Executive Committee** will announce the slate at the September meeting of the Advisory Council at which time nominations from the floor will be taken.

Youth members will be nominated by the following:

4-H – must be a bona fide member of the Rockbridge 4-H Stockman’s Club and nominated by a plurality vote of the Stockman’s Club members.

FFA – must be a bona fide member of the Rockbridge FFA Chapter and be nominated by a vote of the Chapter’s membership.

Section 5. How and When Board Members Elected

Board members shall be elected by paper ballots, mailed **to current members** three weeks prior to the annual meeting in October to eligible members. **Ballots must be received by the specified deadline.**

Section 6. Term of Board Membership

- a. Term begins at the close of the October meeting of the year elected.

- b. Three years shall be considered a full term for adult members.
- c. **One year** shall be considered a full term for youth members.

Section 7. Vacancies on Board

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the Chairperson with approval of the **Executive Committee**. Vacancy will be formally filled at the next annual election.

Section 8. Officers of the Board

Officers shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and a Secretary. The **Executive Committee** shall elect their Vice Chairperson and Secretary each year and the Vice Chairperson moves into the Chairperson role the following year.

Section 9. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the **Executive Committee**.

Section 10. Meetings

The **Executive Committee** shall meet quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson with written and/or telephone notice to all members of the Board.

Article V – Advisory Council Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Advisory Council shall be held in November.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the **Executive Committee** with written and/or telephone notice to all members.

Section 3. General Membership Meetings

General membership meetings will be held monthly, with at least 10 meetings per year, with written and/or telephone notice to all members.

Article VI – Committees

Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Chairperson. **Committees shall consist of: 1 Adult Chairperson, 1 Adult Vice-Chairperson, and a minimum of 2 youth members to be appointed by the committee Chairperson. Committee Chairperson shall be appointed by the Executive Committee' Chairman by the November meeting of the current year.** The Committees shall be as follows:

1. Grounds

2. Trophy/Awards
3. Sale
4. Show (**To include department superintendents, and contest chair**)
5. Finance/**Showworks**
6. Awards Banquet
- 7. Buyers**
- 8. Buyers Reception**
9. Others, as needed

Article VII – Amendments

The By-Laws may be amended at any monthly or special meeting of the Advisory Council by a 2/3 vote of the members present. Proposed changes recommended by the **Executive Committee** of the Advisory Council shall be announced at the meeting prior to the vote and be sent to all members prior to the monthly or special meeting.

Article VIII – Standing Rules

1. The **Executive Committee** shall meet quarterly at a time and place specified by the Chairperson of the Advisory Council.
2. The Order of Business shall be as follows:
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Secretary's Minutes
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Other Officer's Report
 - e. Reports of Standing Committees
 - f. Unfinished Business
 - g. New Business
 - h. Adjournment
- 3. Once rules for the Rockbridge County Fair Livestock Show and Sale have been voted on and approved during the annual meeting in November, they cannot be changed for a period of 1 year.**
- 4. Immediate family members, to include spouses, siblings, and children, shall not hold a position on the executive committee simultaneously.**

Article IX – Finances

Section 1. Internal Audit

An audit committee should be appointed by the **Executive Committee** in October to complete an annual audit by December 31st and report the results at the January meeting.

Section 2. External Audit

Treasurer will submit books to an affordable and reputable establishment at a minimum of once every three years to be reviewed. A report will be submitted to the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Advisory Council at the conclusion of the audit.

Committee Duties and Responsibilities

Standing Committees for the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Advisory Council:

1. Grounds
2. Trophy/Awards
3. Sale
4. Show (To include department superintendents, and contest chair)
5. Finance
6. Awards Banquet
7. Buyers
8. Buyers Reception

Grounds

This committee will oversee the set-up and take-down of the livestock facilities at the fair. Specific duties will include:

1. Procurement of hog panels to be used for the fair.
2. Arrangement and set-up of all panels and gates for the show ring and cattle stalls.
3. Procurement of mulch for bedding and show ring.
4. Displaying of sponsor banners and boards.
5. Locating skid loader needed for set-up and take-down
6. Locate and certify scales to be used for weigh-in of market animals.
7. Set-up area for displaying of specie Champions prior to sale
8. Set-up and change date on picture board in front of stand
9. Removal of mulch and dumpsters if needed.

Trophy/Awards

This committee will oversee exhibitor awards and distribution. Specific duties include:

1. Secure prizes for exhibitors with champions.

Sale Committee

This committee will be in charge of preparation and the conducting of the livestock sale. Specific duties include:

1. List of animals to slaughterhouse for carcass.
2. Obtain biographies of exhibitors to be used during the sale.
3. Advertising for the sale.
4. Secure support money for market animal sale.
5. Determine sale order of livestock and assemble sale catalog.
6. Secure announcer, auctioneer, ringmen, recorders, and clerks for the sale.
7. Secure floor prices for market animals.
8. Buyer registration.
9. Provide settlement with buyers following sale and assemble cutting instructions and slaughterhouse destination for each animal.
10. Obtain transportation of animals to slaughterhouse.
11. Collect buyer thank-you letters from all exhibitors selling market animals.
12. Distribution of buyer plaques and tentative invitation to awards banquet.

Show Committee

This committee will oversee the set-up and take-down of the livestock facilities at the fair. Specific duties will include:

1. Scheduling of classes and any special events, ie. Exhibitor meeting, weigh-in, etc.
2. Secure judges, ring persons, announcers, photographer, and specie superintendents.
3. Conduct weigh-in of all animals and assemble market classes in cooperation with specie superintendents.
4. Secure livestock grader and assist in recording grades for each market animal.
5. Receive and sort livestock entries.
6. Assemble livestock classes and show catalogs.
7. Recording of class results and assist computer technician.
8. Distribute prizes- plaques, ribbons, etc. during the fair.
9. Conduct herdsmanship judging.
10. Conduct and record results of carcass show.
11. Distribute and collect sponsor thank-you letter from 4-H/FFA members.
12. Assignment of stalls for cattle, hogs, goats, and sheep.
13. Assignment of tack stalls.

Finance/Showworks Committee

This committee will be in charge of obtaining funding for financial support for the livestock program and show. Specific duties include:

1. Obtain and/or maintain class sponsorships.
2. Secure support money for the livestock show- premiums, judges, etc.
3. Obtain entry fees from exhibitors.

4. Arrange and conduct fundraisers- silent auction, etc.
5. Disbursement of funds or expenses.
6. Recording of payments received and billing of accounts receivable.
7. Distribution of premiums and sale proceeds to exhibitors.
8. Maintain accurate records of income and expenses and provide financial reports during advisory council meetings.
9. Compile show results and publicize- sort.
10. Audit.

Banquet

This committee will plan the annual awards banquet for exhibitors and buyers. Specific duties include:

1. Compile results of carcass show, record books, and herdsmanship.
2. Announce and present awards at banquet.
3. Send invitations to all buyers, sponsors, supporters, exhibitors, and volunteers.
4. Secure location and set-up for banquet.
5. Planning of meal and program.
6. Clean-up.

Buyers Committee

Specific duties to be determined.

Buyers Reception Committee:

Specific Duties to include:

1. Send invitations to previous buyers.
2. Arrange and set-up reception for buyers prior to sale.
3. Procure tables and chairs.
4. Secure a location to have the reception.