

# 2025 - 2026

## HFFCF GENERAL RULES

### 1.1 LIVESTOCK DIVISION

- A. The Healdsburg Future Farmers Country Fair (HFFCF) is open to members of the Alexander Valley, Gateway, Healdsburg, Lytton Springs, Warm Springs and Westside 4-H Clubs and those enrolled in Vocational Agriculture Classes at the Healdsburg High School and must be members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA). Members must attend a school or reside in the Healdsburg Unified School District, Geyserville Unified School District or Windsor Unified School District, including those members residing on Shiloh Road. Exhibitors may not participate beyond 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- B. Self-Determined Projects are ineligible to exhibit livestock.
- C. All exhibitors, grades seven (7) through twelve (12), are required to maintain an unweighted/non-weighted (GPA) grade point average of 2.2 with 1 (one) grade of "F" allowed, to participate in the fair. Proof of unweighted/non-weighted GPA from the most recent official school transcript will be required with entries.
1. If a 2.2 has not been reached at time entries are due a student must do one of the following:
    - a. Exhibitor may provide proof of 2.2 an unweighted/non-weighted GPA or higher from the preceding official transcript (5<sup>th</sup> term) on or before **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.
    - b. If an exhibitor is not currently enrolled in an educational institution, a signed academic satisfaction form will serve as a verification of Academic achievement.
    - c. Information printed from the student portal or progress report will not be accepted.
- D. All members must be members in good standing for eligibility as determined by community/club advisor. A member in good standing is

a member of 4-H or FFA who has attended 80% of his/her project and community meetings and has completed his/her projects from the previous year including a complete project report form, if membership applies.

- E. The exhibitor must complete the entry & media release form, the entry must include a personal/parent or guardian email & phone number. If one is not provided then the entry will be rejected.
- F. All 4-H Community/project leaders/FFA Advisors must attend the December Leaders meeting. Attendance for one Community club leader or advisor for each club is mandatory for fair participation. The meeting is open to 1 guest member as well.
- G. On all matters, the State Rules for California Fairs (California Department of Food & Agriculture) Division of Fair and Exposition will be used by the HFFCF Fair Board or as herein amended. The HFFCF Fair Board Rules and By-Laws Committee will judicate all matters pertaining to the rules and their decision will be final.
- H. Changes or additions of divisions or classes will be considered only by petition to the HFFCF Fair Board nine months in advance of the fair date, **August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**. Participation of six (6) or more exhibitors from two (2) or more clubs is required to establish a new division or class. The HFFCF Fair Board must be notified by **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026** that this requirement has been met.
- I. No animal will be groomed by an adult at the fairgrounds. Any grooming or assistance of animals, on the fairgrounds, can only be done by current exhibitors of this fair, 4-H and FFA members in good standing as defined in section 1.1 Livestock Division.
- J. All entries must be made on an HFFCF Official Entry Form furnished by the HFFCF Fair Board and must be signed by 4-H Club Project Leader and 4-H Club Community Leader or the FFA Chapter Advisor, who will attest to the members' good standing and to the validity of the entries. The HFFCF Fair Board may demand proof of ownership and proof of residence, as it deems necessary in each case.
- K. The HFFCF Fair Board has the right to limit entries.

- L. All 4-H Club Community Leaders and FFA Chapter Advisors will receive copies of the livestock and exhibit rules and they are responsible for informing their respective members of these rules. HFFCF Fair rules are available online.
- M. All livestock entries must be post marked or received by **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, from the respective 4-H Club Community Leader or FFA Leader. HFFCF Fair entries are available online.
- N. All required entry pictures or videos must be submitted by deadline or participation could be reviewed.
- O. Any technical problems must be brought to the attention of the Livestock & Auction committee within 24 hours for resolution.
- P. The HFFCF Fair Board shall not be responsible for accidents or loss that may occur to any entry, exhibit or exhibitor at the show, and the exhibitor shall hold the HFFCF Fair Board harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss
- Q. The HFFCF Fair Board shall reserve the right to vacate and make ineligible for competition or order the removal of any entry with blemishes, prolapses, abscesses or any other defect, which is not in the best interest of the HFFCF Fair, endangers the public or which has been entered in violation of these rules and regulations.
- R. Each animal or exhibit must be part of a recognized project of the organization under whose supervision it is developed. Care, control, and ownership by the exhibitor is required prior to the first day of the HFFCF Fair, at least 30 days for Breeding Rabbits, Market Rabbits, Breeding Poultry, Market Poultry, and Dogs. 60 days for Sheep, Goats, and Swine. 120 days for Beef, Dairy Cattle, and Horses before it is exhibited.
- S. Any exhibitor/leader/parent or guardian engaging (OBTAIN OR ARRANGE THE USE OR SERVICES) with HFFCF contracted judges will result in immediate termination of entry & review of future participation.

- T. No animal on exhibition can be removed from the HFFCF Fairgrounds before the close of the HFFCF Fair. All sifted animals must be removed from the HFFCF Fairgrounds immediately except as stated below.
- U. If this is the only animal available for showmanship, the animal may remain until the Showmanship Class. After completion of the Showmanship Class, the exhibitor shall acquire an "HFFCF Livestock Release Form" from the HFFCF Livestock and Auction Committee. All sifted animals must be removed by 5:00 pm on **Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**, or as directed by the HFFCF Fair Board. All non-sale animals (breeding stock) must be removed by 12:00 noon on **Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2026**, or as directed by the HFFCF Fair Board.
- V. Under no circumstances may an exhibitor show the same type of livestock (Sheep, Goat, Swine, Beef, Poultry, Rabbit, Dog or Horse) in both 4-H and FFA Sections of the HFFCF Fair.
- W. 4-H and FFA Arrival and Weigh-in Times. Failure to observe proper arrival times and Weigh-in times, will result in the exhibitor being disqualified. **Leg wraps, blankets, and halters will be removed for weigh-in.**
1. All Livestock will be received from 6:00 am until 12:00 pm on Wednesday **May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.
  2. Weigh-ins for all Livestock will occur at **2PM on Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.
    - Starting with **Steers**, Swine, Sheep, and Goats
  3. All Market Poultry and Market Rabbits must be in place and ready for weigh-in **Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> by 9:30 am**.
  4. No re-weighing will be allowed during the weighing of all animals.
- X. There will be a mandatory exhibitor meeting at the HFFCF Fairgrounds. All exhibitors **must attend**. Time & Place of the exhibitor meeting will be announced and posted. Failure to attend the exhibitor meeting will result in forfeiture of all monies greater than that of the support price.
- Y. All exhibitors must participate in the HFFCF Fair Clean-Up Day, on **Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026** each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter will be given an appointed time of participation. Failure to comply with this requirement at the specified time will result in the exhibitor being

prohibited from participating in the HFFCF Fair the following year and the exhibitor will forfeit all monies greater than that of the support price for the current year.

Z. The number of market animals entered by any exhibitor shall be limited to two (2) species, one of which may be a Beef, a pen of Market Poultry (consisting of two (2) birds), or a pen of Market Rabbits (consisting of three (3) rabbits), shall be considered one market animal. Exhibitors may enter one alternate animal per entry of like specie (1 steer, 1 lamb, 1 hog, 1 goat, 10 chickens per pen, 3 rabbits per pen). Alternate animals may not be shared, and must be owned by one individual, and entered into the fair. Alternate entries will not be refunded for all species. All tags/tattoos must be put in and photo of animal with tags/tattoo in place must be submitted with entry; except rabbit and poultry must be submitted 30 days prior to the fair (See reference 2.7 poultry division subsection G & 2.6 rabbit division subsection F).

A.1. No entries will be accepted in Market Classes that do not meet the specific requirements of the divisions for each specie.

B.1. The Healdsburg Future Farmers Country fair has a zero-tolerance policy for **any non-approved USDA products**, and will be conducting Drug Residue testing to ensure compliance. Every exhibitor by signing the Healdsburg Future Farmers Country Fair entry form allows the Board of Directors to urine test all entries of the fair at any time. Any exhibitor whose animals test positive will be subjected to disqualification, will forfeit all monies, and will result in the exhibitor being prohibited from participating in the Healdsburg Future Farmers Country Fair the following year.

## **2.1 EXHIBIT DIVISION**

A. The Healdsburg Future Farmers Country Fair is open to members of the Alexander Valley, Gateway, Healdsburg, Lytton Springs, Warm Springs and Westside 4-H Clubs and those enrolled in Vocational Agriculture classes at Healdsburg High School and must be members of The Future Farmers of America (FFA). Members must attend a school or reside in the Healdsburg Unified School District, Geyserville Unified School District or Windsor Unified School District including those members residing on Shiloh Road are eligible to enter. Exhibitors may not participate beyond the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. 4-H

mini members may enter as participants only and will receive participation ribbons only. HFFCF Official Entry Forms will be available from 4-H Club Community Leaders and are due by **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.

- B. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of four (4) items in each project in which they are enrolled. Exhibits are to be brought to the tent on the HFFCF Fairgrounds **Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026** between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Only food items may arrive **Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026** between 8:00 am and 9:00 am. There will be no entries accepted before or after the time stated. Any exhibit dropped off without being checked by an attendant will not be displayed or judged. Each exhibit needs to be labeled with name, club, year in project and category entered. Judging will begin at 10:00 am **Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**.
- C. The Danish system of judging will be used. There is a pamphlet available entitled "State Rules and Scorecards for California Fair" available through the UC Cooperative Extension Office for the use of leaders or members. Special awards will be given to the outstanding exhibitor in projects in which three (3) or more persons have entered. The Mary Palmer Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the club obtaining the highest ribbon point score, divided by the total number of members entered. Ribbon points to be 4-3-2-1.
- D. All exhibits must be picked up between 9:00 am and 11:00 am on **Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. There will be an adult in attendance to help. If anyone is unable to pick up their exhibits during these times, we suggest you ask another member, or the leader of your club to pick them up for you. The HFFCF Fair Board will not be responsible for any exhibit remaining after 11:00 am **Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

## **2.2 SHEEP DIVISION**

- A. Weight: 100 lbs. - open (auction pays only to **175 lbs.**)
- B. Age: all animals must be born after October first of the year preceding the Fair.
- C. Shrink: all Sheep will be shrunk 3%

- D. Fleece: All Market Sheep must have been slick shorn no more than 7(seven) days prior to weigh in. Clipping/shearing or hair removal of any kind on market sheep is not permitted on the HFFCF Fairgrounds.
- E. Tail Docking: To qualify for exhibit, lambs must be docked such that the tail dock is healed.
- F. No halters permitted in the show ring.
- G. Sheep must be shown with the front feet on the ground.

### **2.3 GOATS DIVISION**

- A. Weight: 60 lbs. - **open** (auction pays only to **125 lbs.**)
- B. Goats must have milk teeth. Maximum age 13 months.
- C. Shrink: All goats will be shrunk 3%.
- D. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.
- E. All Goats must have been "slick shorn" with 3/8 inch of hair or less above the hock joint upon arrival at the fair. Clipping/shearing or hair removal of any kind on Market Goats is not permitted on the HFFCF Fairgrounds.
- F. Goats can be wethers or unbred does only, no bucks.
- G. Goats may be de-horned or tipped.

### **2.4 SWINE DIVISION**

- A. Weight: 215 lbs. - 285 lbs. (auction pays only to 285 lbs.)
- B. Shrink: all Swine will be shrunk 3%.
- C. Clipping or hair removal of any kind on Market Swine is not permitted on the HFFCF Fairgrounds

D. All Swine will arrive with HFFCF Fair issued ear tags attached.

## **2.5 BEEF DIVISION**

- A. Weight: 1,100 lbs. - open (auction pays only to 1500 lbs.)
- B. All Market Beef entries shall be accompanied by a certificate of ownership by exhibitor or bill of sale and brand inspection, if purchased, and a State of California Bill of Sale ship (trip ticket).
- C. No horned Market or Breeding Beef is allowed. Scurs over 2" in length will require removal prior to arrival to Fairgrounds
- D. All Market Beef (steers only no market heifers are allowed) must be ear tagged and weighed at mandatory weigh-in in January preceding the fair to be eligible.
- E. Shrink: all Market Beef will be shrunk 3%.
- F. Market or Breeding Beef must be manageable and under the control of the exhibitor at all times. Exhibitors may receive assistance from, other current 4-H and/or FFA members who are in good standing from any of the recognized clubs and/or chapters listed in Section 1.1 Livestock Division, while on the HFFCF Fairgrounds, except while exhibiting in the show ring or sale ring.
- G. All Market Beef must be slick shorn (clipped) including tail head to ¼ inch of growth, no more than seven (7) days prior to weigh-in. Excludes: legs, knees, hocks, and tail switch.
- H. Clipping or hair removal of any kind on Market or Breeding Beef is not permitted on the HFFCF Fairgrounds.
- I. Breeding Beef classes are limited to Cows and Heifers only. No bulls or weaned bull calves are allowed. Breeding Beef are not required to be "slick shorn" and Breeding Beef Classes shall be considered to be a "haired" show.

## **2.6 POULTRY DIVISION**

- A. Market birds limited to two (2) pens (containing two (2) birds each) per exhibitor.
- B. Market birds must be a Cornish Cross and weigh between 3 lbs.-6 lbs. each.
- C. Breeding stock must be purebred.
- D. All birds must be free of parasites. Birds showing any sign of parasites will be disqualified and/or asked to leave.
- E. Each pen of market birds will be exhibited and auctioned in its own approved carrying cage.
- F. Judging shall be by the (HFFCF Show Rules) and Standard of Perfection of the American Poultry Association.
- G. All Market Poultry must have an HFFCF fair issued numbered leg band, which will be distributed by March 1<sup>st</sup>. A photo must be submitted 30 days prior of all birds entered with bird and corresponding band. Tag must be placed on entry no later than 1 week before the fair.

## **2.7 RABBIT DIVISION**

- A. American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) specifications will be observed. Each entry (market and breeding rabbits) will have a permanent tattoo in the left ear.
- B. Market pens limited to two (2) pens (containing three (3) rabbits each of the same breed) per exhibitor. Care, control and possession of the rabbits is required 30 days prior to the fair. Each entry can tattoo up to 6 rabbits.
- C. In breeding rabbit competition, there will be a limit of two (2) rabbits per class per division (not to exceed twelve (12) breeding rabbits) per exhibitor.
- D. Market Rabbits must weigh between 3lbs 8oz. - 5lbs 8oz. each, and cannot be over 69 days old.

- E. Each pen of Market Rabbits will be exhibited and auctioned in its own approved carrying cage.
- F. All Market Rabbits must have an HFFCF fair issued tattoo, which will conform to the entry form. A photo must be submitted 30 days prior of all rabbits entered. Tattooing date to be determined by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- G. Must have approved tattoo from HFFCF designated Fair tattooing. No adjustments can be made without fair approval.
- H. Per ARBA standards no unrecognized varieties or mixed breed will be allowed to be shown.

## **2.8 DOG CARE AND TRAINING SHOWMANSHIP ONLY**

- A. Open to 4-H and FFA exhibitors enrolled in a dog care and training project; exhibiting dog (mixed or purebred) that is owned by the exhibitor or immediate family members.
- B. Bitches in season will not be allowed to compete. Uncontrolled or aggressive dogs will not be allowed to show.
- C. Judging will be done American Style of Judging according to the American Kennel Club Regulations.
- D. This is a junior show: age 9-19. All exhibitors must wear their official show uniform (4-H or FFA) while showing.
- E. Limit one dog per exhibitor.
- F. No pinch or prong collars allowed.
- G. Exhibitors must provide proof of Rabies Certificate, Proof of Ownership and/or Lease Agreement, at the time entries are turned in.

## **2.9 LIGHT HORSE DIVISION**

- A. Proper FFA or 4-H show uniforms must be worn for showmanship. Exhibitors may change into black or blue jeans or English breeches for the remainder of the program, a white shirt with a 4-H scarf or FFA

scarf/tie. FFA jackets are suggested but not required. Helmets are required by law.

- B. Boots must be worn in all classes. No chaps allowed.
- C. Horses that appear unmanageable or are seen as unsafe to either rider or other exhibitors will be dismissed from the class.
- D. Judges and/or HFFCF Fair Board reserve the right to make judgments or allowances in regard to tack or attire.
- E. All exhibitors are to compete in the entire program in order to receive placement or to be eligible for awards. First and second place showmanship winners, other than novice, are required to participate in Round Robin Showmanship on **Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, at the HFFCF Fairgrounds.
- F. Horse and rider are to be judged together. The Danish system will be used.
- G. Stallions, un-weaned foals or mares with foals at the side may not be shown.
- H. Horses may not be warmed up or schooled by anyone, but the exhibitor from the time that they arrive at the show at the HFFCF Fairgrounds.
- I. The horse show will be held TBD prior to HFFCF Fair.
- J. Any exhibitor who enters as a novice will be judged in the appropriate age Category after showmanship. Categories are: 4-H JR, 4-H SR, FFA Advanced.
- K. Bill of Sale or Lease Agreement will be required at the time entries are turned in.**

### **3.1 ANIMAL WELFARE**

- A. To insure the welfare of the animals under our control, we need to practice sound animal husbandry practices that minimize the stress to these animals. Therefore, welfare considerations must prohibit

muzzles, prong/pinch collars, drenching of animals, liquid diets, physical abuse of an animal and the withholding of feed and/or water, or any inhumane act will result in immediate disqualification from the HFFCF Fair. The exhibitor must maintain feed and water until the animal is sold and returned to its pen. Bedding materials must be the same type as those used by the HFFCF Fair Board.

- B. All exhibitors are required to pick up animal manure after movement of animals on fairgrounds.
- C. All animals must have access to water at all times while on the fairgrounds.

#### **4.1 SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

A. All exhibitors must show in every Showmanship class for each species they exhibit or their participation in the livestock auction will be prohibited. All exhibitors who qualify for Round Robin Showmanship, are required to participate as a further condition to sell at the auction. Showmanship Classes must be entered in advance, on the "HFFCF Official Entry Form", which is due by **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. Classes are as follows:

- 1. 4-H
  - a. Primary: age 5 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the fair year. This is limited to a small animal breeding project.
  - b. Novice 4-H: Any exhibitor who has not shown this species of livestock in any fair before and has less than three (3) years' experience showing any animal. 1<sup>st</sup> place in Novice Showmanship will advance to his/her respective age group in further participation. (Example: combined total years including the current fair is less than 4 years you're considered a novice.)
  - c. Junior 4-H: ages 9-13 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the fair year.
  - d. Senior 4-H: 14 years and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the fair year.
  - e. Exhibitors that have multiple animals in the same market class must first try to use another 4-H exhibitor. If one cannot be found you may be allowed to use an FFA individual with board

approval. All individuals must be in the appropriate dress whites and meet all the requirements, as per section 1.1 of HFFCF general rules, to help show their animals.

## 2. FFA

- a. Novice FFA: Novice is an exhibitor who has not shown this specie of livestock in any fair before and has less than three (3) years' experience showing any animal. (Example: combined total years including the current fair is less than 4 years you're considered a novice.) 1<sup>st</sup> place in Novice class will move up to the FFA showmanship.
- b. FFA: Open Class for FFA exhibitors
- c. Exhibitors that have multiple animals in the same market class must first try to use another FFA exhibitor individual. If one cannot be found you may be allowed to use a 4-H individual with board approval. All individuals must be in the appropriate dress whites and meet the requirements, as per section 1.1 of HFFCF general rules, to help show their animals.

## 4.2 ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

- A. All eligible exhibitors are required to show in Round Robin Showmanship. If an exhibitor places 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in two species, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place exhibitor in the respective showmanship class will move up. All species will be shown in Round Robin if entered into fair by 4-H Jr., Sr., and FFA.
  1. 4-H Jr. Round Robin Showmanship: Open to junior exhibitors winning first and second place in their respective showmanship classes.
  2. 4-H Sr. Round Robin: Open to senior 4-H exhibitors winning first and second place in their respective showmanship classes.
  3. FFA Round Robin: Open to FFA exhibitors winning first and second place in their respective showmanship classes.

## 5.1 LIVESTOCK AUCTION

- A. All grade one animals will be sold. Additional animals shall be sold as to bring the total number of animals sold up to 15 Beef, 210 Sheep, Goats, Swine, Poultry and Rabbits combined. Sheep groups 1, & 2, Goat groups 1 & 2, Swine groups 1 & 2, Beef group 1 & 2, Poultry group 1 and Rabbits groups 1 may be sold according to the limit.
- B. All Sheep group 1, Goats group 1, Swine group 1, and Beef group 1 will be sold as individuals. At the discretion of the HFFCF Fair Board, all other sale animals may be sold in lots of 2 or more.
- C. All market entries will be auctioned, except as limits set in previous rules.
- D. The only animals that can be offered for sale are those that qualify for the livestock auction.
- E. All animals will be displayed in their natural form. Decorations and/or adornments are prohibited. (i.e. painting, clothing, bows, designs, etc.)
- F. All market entries sold will be shipped for processing.
- G. Actual weight of Sheep, Goats, Swine and Beef will be used by the HFFCF Fair Board only.
- H. An 8% Commission shall be deducted from the selling price of all animals sold at the livestock auction. Proceeds will be deposited into the general fund, of which 1% will then be transferred into the scholarship fund.
- I. All Senior (12<sup>th</sup> grade) exhibitors are required to be available to participate in the scholarship auction lot and pictures. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of monies received on behalf of HFFCF Scholarship and/or auction proceeds.
- J. Each scholarship recipients will write a thank you note to the buyers of the scholarship auction lots.
- K. All thank-you notes for the Livestock Auction and the Awards must be received and approved on one of the two (2) consecutive Fridays after the fair, **June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026** between 4:00 pm and

6:00 pm @ Hoof Beat Park. Thank-you notes may be turned in by another 4-H or FFA exhibitor in good standing as per section 1.1 of HFFCF general rules. No parent may turn in Thank-you notes for any exhibitor. Failure to comply with the specified time will result in the exhibitor being prohibited from participating in the HFFCF Fair the following year and they will forfeit all monies greater than that of the support price.

- L. Thank you notes must include a picture of the exhibitor in their uniform with their animal or project. Photos must be 4x6 inches in size and attached to the thank you note. Refer to the HFFCF Guide on thank you notes.
- M. The HFFCF Fair Board reserves the right to require health inspection and diagnostic testing to be made before or after animals are on the HFFCF Fairgrounds. Also, the right is reserved by the HFFCF Fair Board to order and cause peremptory removal from the HFFCF Fairgrounds of any animal which does not in every respect, meet health requirements. Under no circumstances will the HFFCF Fair Board be held liable in any way for removal.
- N. DNA samples will be received at pre-weigh-in for Market Beef. DNA samples for Market Goats, Sheep and Swine will be turned in with the entry forms on **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. These samples will be collected by the exhibitor & the exhibitors' parent/guardian, and/or leader/advisor.
- O. All market exhibitors are required to participate in the HFFCF Livestock Auction where needed: as sale runners (each market exhibitor must run a minimum of 3 times or until released by the director in charge), coffee servers (**2026 - FFA**), and livestock lineup. Failure to comply will result in the exhibitor being prohibited from participating in the HFFCF Fair the following year and they will forfeit all monies greater than that of the support price.

## **6.1 JUDGING**

- A. Each exhibitor shall be expected to show his/her exhibit or animal in accordance with the time scheduled for judging printed in the official program or changed by the HFFCF Fair Board, and may be disqualified for failure to make proper arrangements in advance with the HFFCF Livestock and Auction Chairperson.

- B. All exhibitors must be in the uniforms of their organization during judging, showmanship, auction and awards. FFA members are to be in official show uniform. 4-H members are to be in white pants, white shirts, 4-H ties and 4-H hats.
- C. No person shall be allowed under any circumstances to interfere with the judge or judges during their adjudications, or to offer any criticism of any exhibit or exhibitor. Violators of this rule shall be excluded immediately from the judging ring and/or HFFCF Fairgrounds and/or competition, and can be subject to such additional penalties and forfeiture of awards as the HFFCF Fair Board shall consider proper. The HFFCF Fair Board may report violators of the rule to the Division of Fairs and Expositions in writing and such report may become the basis of any other fair to refuse entries on the grounds of such misconduct.
- D. HFFCF Board of Directors has adopted an official Code of Conduct that exemplifies good sportsmanship. The "HFFCF Official Code of Conduct Form" must accompany each entry form and must be signed by the exhibitor, parent(s), Club Project Leader and Club Community Leader or the FFA Chapter Advisor. No entry will be accepted without the signed Code of Conduct.
- E. Any exhibitor making a protest shall lodge such written protest on the "Official HFFCF Protest Form" and submit in a timely matter to the President of the HFFCF Board, with the appropriate nonrefundable deposit of \$150.00. Payment shall be made in the form of cash or certified check made payable to the HFFCF Fair Board, before the protest will be considered. Protests shall be adjudicated by the HFFCF Rules and By Laws Committee. The burden of proof will be placed on the exhibitor making the protest.
- F. 4-H and FFA classes may be combined if competition does not warrant separate classes.
- G. In the Breeding Classes all breeds of the same species will be entered together as a class. But classes may be split at the discretion of the HFFCF Livestock and Auction Committee after the close of the entries.

- H. In Breeding Classes, there must be competition for a class to be held **at the time of registration**. Competition is defined as 2 or more animals of the same species owned by different exhibitors.
- I. The judge shall award first, second or third place, etc. in Breeding Classes according to merit; and without merit, the judge shall make no award. The judge may award Championship at his discretion for superior animals.

### **7.1 MARKET SHEEP SCORECARD**

- A. Grade:
1. Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range .16-.35, average or greater conformation and cutability.
  2. Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range <.16 or >.35; under-finished lambs grading USDA good or lower, below-average conformation or cutability.

### **7.2 MARKET GOAT SCORECARD**

- A. Grade:
1. Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12<sup>th</sup> rib back fat range .08-12 most desirable, .13-.22 back fat acceptable, average or greater conformation and cutability.
  2. Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality grade with 12<sup>th</sup> rib back fat range <.08 or >.22; under-finished goats grading USDA good or lower, below average conformation or cutability.

### **7.3 MARKET SWINE SCORECARD**

- A. Grade:
1. Market Acceptable: U.S. No. 1 and No. 2 hogs of average or greater conformation that are acceptable in leanness, muscularity, and production traits.
  2. Not Market Acceptable: Any hog of below average conformation including U.S. number 3, U.S. number 4 and utility grade hogs.

## **7.4 MARKET BEEF SCORECARD**

### A. Grade:

1. Market Ready: Market steers projected to have sufficient fat deposition to meet the marbling specifications for USDA Prime, Choice, or Select+ quality grades.
2. Not Market Ready: Market steers lacking evidence of sufficient fat deposition to produce a desirable consumer product. Steers projected to grade USDA Select - or lower.