

2024 MOTHER LODGE FAIR
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT
INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR PROGRAM
(ALL SPECIES)

Welcome to the Mother Lode Fair Junior Livestock Independent Exhibitor Program. Included here are your required forms and record book forms for 2024. Please make sure that you read the State and Local Rules for the Mother Lode Fair. **These requirements are for ALL Independent Exhibitors in the Junior Livestock Department at the 2024 Mother Lode Fair.**

QUALIFICATIONS FROM LOCAL RULES

Livestock classes are open to members of 4-H clubs and FFA and Grange chapters located in Tuolumne County. Independent Exhibitors must be residents of Tuolumne County.

QUALIFICATIONS FROM STATE RULES

VII, Exhibitor Age Requirements, 4 (pg. 13): Independent exhibitors must be at least 9 years old by January 1, 2024 to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse, Alpaca & Llama) competitions at California fairs. (a) Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. (b) Youth may be ineligible to participate as an Independent if documented disciplinary action involving their project(s) has been taken against them by 4-H, FFA, or Grange organizations. Length of ineligibility to be determined by Fair Management.

VII, Exhibit Eligibility, 3 (pg. 14): Juniors who have been 4-H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent exhibitors or enter project(s) under a different organization.

VII, Exhibit Eligibility, 6 (pg. 14): All junior exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available as to the length of project.

VII, Exhibit Eligibility, 7 (pg. 14): Independent junior exhibitors entering market animals must provide Fair Management with a picture of their animal, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent tag, tattoo and/or hog ear notch information 120 days prior to the fair for beef and 60 days for sheep, swine and goats.

VII, Exhibit Eligibility, 8 (pg. 14): All junior exhibitors must have "on ground" supervision by a responsible adult.

Requirements for eligible Independent Exhibitors are as follows:

- Must turn in Independent Application, signed by both exhibitor and parent no later than:
 - Beef: February 17, 2024
 - Swine, Sheep, and Goats: April 27, 2024
 - Rabbits and Poultry: May 25, 2024
- Copy of bill of sale and a picture of the animal **with the exhibitor** must be included with the Independent application.
- Must attend mandatory preweigh:
 - Market Beef: Saturday, February 17, 2024, times to be assigned, Gardella's Ranch
 - Market Swine, Sheep, and Goats: Saturday, April 27, 2024, times to be assigned, Fairgrounds
 - Exhibitors of market animals **must be present** for preweigh to be eligible to show and sell. Exceptions must be requested in writing and have prior approval before preweigh to the Mother Lode Fair CEO, 220 Southgate Drive, Sonora.
- All exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (www.yqcaprogram.org) program online prior to the fair entry deadline of May 24, 2024.
- Fill out and submit Mother Lode Fair Livestock entry forms (online entries are preferred!), along with the appropriate payment(s), by the entry deadline of May 24, 2024.
- All exhibitors are required to purchase liability insurance coverage through the Fair Office at the time of fair entry. The fee is **per exhibitor** regardless of species exhibited or the number of entries. If multiple entry forms are submitted, the insurance fee is only paid once.
- Exhibitors shall be supervised **AT ALL TIMES** while caring for or showing their animal(s) at the Fair by a parent or adult guardian. Exhibitors and their responsible chaperone will be required to sign in each day of the Fair in the Livestock Office. Independent exhibitors will be solely responsible for the feeding, care and cleaning of pens for their own exhibits.
- Independent exhibitors will be required to attend a meeting set by the Fair with their parent or guardian in attendance. The time and location will be announced after the close of entries. Independent exhibitors are expected to abide by rules as set forth by the Fair concerning all Livestock exhibitors. Independent exhibitors should be familiar with State and Local Rules for the Mother Lode Fair, as well as the rules for the Junior Livestock Auction.

2024 Mother Lode Fair – INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR APPLICATION

NOTE: THIS IS NOT YOUR FAIR ENTRY FORM

NAME OF EXHIBITOR: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE (AS OF JANUARY 1): _____

PARENT NAME(S): _____

Species exhibiting at the Fair:

_____ Beef (must own for 120 days)

_____ Sheep (must own for 60 days)

_____ Swine (must own for 60 days)

_____ Goat (must own for 60 days)

_____ Rabbit (must own for 30 days)

_____ Poultry (must own for 30 days)

EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

EXHIBITOR/PARENT/FAIR AGREEMENT

_____ will be participating in the 2024 Mother Lode Fair. I agree to abide by all guidelines, local and state rules that govern the Mother Lode Fair.

Independent exhibitors must be age 9 on January 1, 2024. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

Independent and Grange junior exhibitors up through age 13 as of December 31, 2023 will show in the appropriate 4-H Division. Independent and Grange junior exhibitors age 14-18 as of December 31, 2023 will show in the appropriate FFA Division.

Ownership Requirements: Independent exhibitors must meet all ownership requirements.

Parent/Guardian Signature is a requirement by the fair to certify that: Projects have been under their direct supervision in accordance with the rules and regulations of the fair; and the entry is the project of the exhibitor and is eligible for exhibit. Failure or refusal of parent/guardian to sign the required entry form will disqualify the entry.

Leaving an Organization: Juniors who have been a 4-H, FFA, or Grange member within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the fair are **not eligible** to compete in that project as an independent exhibitor.

UPDATED FOR 2024 - Record Book: All junior livestock exhibitors will be required to turn in their project record book to the Livestock Office before 8 AM Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Record books must be available on the fairgrounds from animal check-in day to check-out.

Picture and Bill of Sale: Independent exhibitors entering market animals must provide Fair Management with a picture of the **exhibitor with their animal**, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent ear tag, tattoo and/or hog ear notch information 120 days prior to the fair for beef; 60 days for sheep, swine, and goats; 30 days for poultry and rabbit.

On Grounds Supervision: All independent exhibitors are solely responsible for the feeding, care and cleaning of pens of their own exhibits. All animals must be fed and watered in a timely manner, in accordance with the Livestock Rules. All independent exhibitors and their parent/responsible adult must sign in at the Livestock Office by 8 AM daily during the fair.

I have personally read and understand the above terms and agree to abide by them.

Exhibitor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Fair Livestock Superintendent: _____ Date: _____