

2025 Livestock Rules

Washington County Fair

Market Hog

- ❖ Arrival: Market Hogs can be admitted beginning Monday, September 8th, 2025, at 12:00 pm. Check-in from 3:00-5:00 pm. Show to start immediately following the 4-H Market Hog Show. Hogs will be released at the conclusion of the show.
- ❖ All out of state entries must comply with State and Federal Health Regulations and must have a 30-day health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian with the animals at time of check-in.
- ❖ Hogs will be weighed at check-in and will be shown based on this weight only.
- ❖ Barrows and Gilts will show together.
- ❖ The show is open to all 19 years old and under as of the date of the show. (September 8th, 2025)

Junior & Open Beef Cattle

- ❖ Arrival: Beef cattle can be admitted beginning Thursday, September 11th between 6:00-9:00 pm. Barns will re-open Friday at 9:00 am. Check-in from 2:00-4:00 pm on Friday, September 12th for the Appalachian Area Junior Show (those showing both days only have to check-in on Friday). Open Show Check-in on Saturday, September 13th from 9:00-10:00 am. All cattle must be on premises by the conclusion of check-in each day. Cattle will be released at the conclusion of the show. Removing cattle before the conclusion of the show will result in forfeiture of premiums.
- ❖ Show Times:
 - Appalachian Area Junior Beef Cattle Show: 6:00 pm
 - Chris Johnson Memorial Open Beef Cattle Show: 11:00 am
- ❖ Registration papers must be available for verification by show management on all breed shows. If no registration is available, heifers will be moved to the commercial division (there is no commercial division during the bull show). Registered animals must be tattooed and will be used for identification by show management.
- ❖ All registered youth breeding cattle must be owned by and registered in the name of or transferred to the exhibitor by September 1, 2025.

- ❖ Junior Show: Each beef entry must be owned and entered in the exhibitor's name. For cattle with joint ownership, entries may only be made in the name of one exhibitor and may not be changed once entries are submitted and approved.
- ❖ All out of state must comply with State and Federal Health Regulations and must have 30-day health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian with the animals at time of check-in.
- ❖ All bulls over one year of age require a nose lead.
- ❖ A minimum of five (5) animals in their respective divisions are required to hold a breed show. If a breed does not meet the minimum requirements, they will be shown in AOB unless sponsored. ***A breed show can be sponsored for \$250 to ensure there is a separate breed show.***
- ❖ A Bred & Owned division will be offered for all registered breeds. All entries will be shown together in classes broken down by birth date. Designation of Bred & Owned must be made at the time entries are submitted.
- ❖ Prospect and Market Steers will be shown by hip height.
- ❖ Fitting of cattle is allowed, but must be done in an ethical manner.
- ❖ Shavings are allowed but not provided, no straw as bedding. Bedding must be removed prior to releasing cattle. Manure must be disposed of in the designated areas only.

Showmanship Classes:

- ❖ Showmanship age is determined by the exhibitor age as of September 30th, 2025.
- ❖ Classes with a large number of participants may be divided into smaller heats at the discretion of show management.

Senior 16-19; Intermediate 13-15; Junior 9-12; Peewee 8 & under

Lamb and Goat (Sanctioned by Virginia Showmasters Circuit)

- ❖ Classes will be split by weight according to the number of animals and at the show committee's discretion.
- ❖ Wethers and ewe/does will show together by weight in market classes.
- ❖ There will be pens available to unload. If penning in the barn, please bring your own bedding. No bedding will be provided.

- ❖ No refunds for scratches.

Show Rules:

- ❖ Health papers required for out of state exhibitors
- ❖ Pens and trailer areas MUST be cleaned before leaving.
- ❖ All lambs and goats must have Scrapie tag identification
- ❖ Show open to all 21 years old and under (as of day of show, September 6th, 2025).
- ❖ The show committee reserves the right to dismiss any animal from the show for any different reasons (examples: fungus, illness, lameness, etc.)
- ❖ Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship classes with the exception of Peewee showman.
- ❖ Exhibitors must show their own animals in type classes unless they have more than one animal in a class or drive. They may then request help from another youth exhibitor registered and participating in the show.

Showmanship Classes:

- ❖ This show will follow the Virginia Showmasters Circuit rules and age breaks. Showmanship age is determined by the exhibitor age as of September 30th, 2025. There will not be showmanship for ages 20 & 21.
Senior 16-19; Intermediate 13-15; Junior 9-12; Peewee 8 & under

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By participating in any of the livestock shows, exhibitors and their families release the Washington County Fair, Board of Directors, and Committee Members from any and all responsibility for loss, damages, or accidents.