

# JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION DEPARTMENT

The rules listed on the following pages apply to all market animal departments; poultry, rabbit, steers, lambs, goat and swine.

1. Junior exhibitors in the market classes will be limited to those students who are a Sonoma or Marin resident and were enrolled in elementary or high school during the 2017-2018 school year.
2. **You can only enter 2 market animals/pens per exhibitor.**
3. A 6% commission will be charged on each sale (including add-ons).
4. Only animals entered in the Junior Market Animal classes at the Sonoma County Fair will be eligible for entry in the Junior Auction. Sonoma County Fair requires junior livestock exhibitors to own and manage their market animals for at least the following periods prior to the fair's commencement:
  - **No less than 30 consecutive days for market pens (rabbits & poultry)**
  - **No less than 60 consecutive days for market swine, market lamb and market goat**
  - **No less than 120 consecutive days for a market steer**
5. Exhibitors will be responsible for DNA sampling their market animals and having the samples to the Entry Office by the specific deadline. Check with the Entry Office for more details. Any DNA test discrepancy will result in disqualification.
6. Exhibitor must have proof of ownership or proof of breed available if requested.
7. If exhibitor chooses to raise additional animals, exhibitor must select which 2 animals will be brought to the fairgrounds prior to arrival on grounds. Once they arrive, no substitutions will be allowed.
8. To show market livestock and/or pens as a 4-H or FFA member, exhibitors must be a recognized member of the club/chapter at least 60 days prior to the fair (*120 days for market cattle*).
9. Market Animal Fitting: No hair or skin dyes, paints or colorants (including powder), or adhesives are allowed to be used. No products or materials may be used to manipulate the hair on legs. Exhibitors may continue to use oils or clear coat products to enhance shine as well as external applications of substances for appearance to the hoofs. No shadow painting or practices that change the animal's natural appearance.
10. To show market livestock as an Independent Junior, exhibitor must have:
  - Proof of ownership
  - Full photo of animal
  - Proof of enrollment in school/age to the Entry Office by the close of entries.

## Junior Livestock Auction Times

Market Lamb Auction:	Saturday, August 4	9:00 a.m.	Wilford Ring
Rabbit Meat Pen Auction:	Saturday, August 4	1:00 p.m.	Wilford Ring
Market Goat Auction:	Saturday, August 4	1:30 p.m.	Wilford Ring
Market Hog Auction:	Thursday, August 9	9:00 a.m.	Dorfman Ring
Poultry Meat Pen Auction:	Thursday, August 9	1:00 p.m.	Dorfman Ring
Ag Mechanics Auction:	Friday, August 10	6:00 p.m.	Jamison Ring
Market Beef Auction:	Friday, August 10	6:00 p.m.	Jamison Ring

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1. Sonoma County Fair Junior Livestock Auction is a terminal auction. All animals deemed market ready by the judge must be sold at the auction. The animals that are sold in the sales ring must be processed by the packing house selected by the fair.
2. All exhibitors selling animals in the Junior Livestock Auction must wear show dress as mentioned on the INSTRUCTIONS TO EXHIBITOR PAGE listed at the beginning of the youth livestock department. All Independent Junior Exhibitors selling animals must wear ankle length white pants, white blouse or shirt; black, brown, or white footwear.
3. Junior livestock exhibitors must show their own project animals in market evaluation classes, unless two of their project animals are assigned to the same weight class. Exhibitors requiring a special exemption to this rule must submit a written request to show management prior to the show to obtain official approval.
4. Exhibitors who fail to go through the sales ring when their animal is sold may be banned from showing any animal(s) in the Market Classes at the Sonoma County Fair, or their market animal will be sold at market price only. This decision will be left up to the Fair management.
5. The Sonoma County Fair Livestock scale is the only acceptable certified scale. **NO PRIVATE SCALE WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS.**
6. Any market animal entered in the sale may be disqualified at any time by the Agricultural Committee and an official veterinarian if it has or develops any condition that would make it undesirable for auction.
7. Any consignee of an animal(s) to the auction who withdraws an animal(s) from the sale without written permission of the Chairman of the Agricultural Committee shall be banned from showing any animal(s) in the market classes at the Sonoma County Fair, or any other consequences as management deems necessary.
8. Exhibitors or their agents are prohibited from actively soliciting potential buyers or distracting solicitors in the show ring or grandstands during the auction.
9. The Sonoma County Fair will charge 6% commission on the purchase price & any add-on's of each animal sold in the auction. This is to cover the disappearance or death of an animal or other discrepancies that may arise plus promotion and auction finances, and uncollected debts.
10. Painting, placing signs, designs, etc. on animals on auction day is strictly forbidden.
11. The Fair Association will not assume the responsibility for injured animals, sickness or death of livestock prior to the auction.
12. Consignors to the Auction are to assume ownership of their animals until the auctioneer announces they are sold in the sale ring. Exhibitor is responsible to feed & care for their animal after lotting & until the animal is sold and returned to pen.
13. Exhibitors will be disqualified from showing if a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle purchases their animal and fails to pay. The deadline for settlement for any prior year's debt will be the current close of entry date.

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14. **Seller will forfeit their check if thank you notes are not submitted to the Entry Office within 15 days from the ending date of the fair.**
15. Checks must be cashed within 90 days of issue or they will be voided.
16. Late livestock entries will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on July 13, 2018 for a \$100.00 late fee.
17. Exhibitors who fail to abide by the Code of Excellence may have their market animal scratched from the sale. In all cases, the animal will be processed and the exhibitor will receive market price for the animal.
18. DNA samples must be collected on all market steers, hogs, lambs and goats as follows – prior to 60/120 day ownership dates:
  - a) Steer DNA – Collected at March pre-weigh event for market steers Sunday, March 25, 2018.
  - b) Lamb and Goat DNA – Collected at annual May pre-weigh event for market lambs and goats Saturday, May 19, 2018.
  - c) Hog DNA – Exhibitor is responsible for collecting and returning these samples to the entry office by entry deadline – Thursday, May 31, 2018.
19. Fair will provide all paperwork required for DNA samples. Each exhibitor can pre-register up to 5 animals at no charge, additional DNA kits will be \$5.00 each.
20. All market animals with DNA samples submitted must be entered. Only two animals may be brought onto the fairgrounds for fair.
21. All animals are subject to DNA testing during fair. Any test mismatches will result in disqualification of entry.
22. The seller will be responsible for any animal declared unfit at the packing plant due to drug residues. Animals will be tested for drug residues and drugs not approved for animal use should not be used. This includes medicated foods. Use of extra-label drugs will require a veterinarian's written approval and withdrawal periods shall be strictly enforced.
23. A Declaration of Medication Form must be filled out for each market animal entered into the fair. This form must be submitted to the Livestock Office when exhibitors pick up their credentials.

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## MARKET LIVESTOCK DRUG RESIDUE TESTING RULES

### ATTENTION:

**All market livestock exhibitors please review the drug residue testing policy outlined on the following 2 pages.**

1. The Fair has a zero tolerance policy regarding the use of unapproved drugs, chemicals, feed additives or medications on market livestock, and will be conducting Drug Residue testing at the fair to ensure compliance. Unapproved means not approved, or exceeds acceptable residue tolerance levels, by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species and class, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive (above federally approved residue tolerance level) for that drug upon arrival at the Sonoma County Fair.
2. Immediately after they are selected, the top four placing large animals (4-H Champion, 4-H Reserve Champion, FFA Champion, and FFA Reserve Champion) in market beef, market hog, market lamb, and market goats will be diverted to an official testing area and tested for drug residue.
3. The animal, exhibitor and parent or legal guardian will be directed to stay in their designated area until the sample has been collected.
4. During market livestock arrival times, drug residue testing will be conducted on livestock selected at random. Voluntarily, exhibitors may elect to have their animals tested. A fee will be charged to cover the costs of the lab tests.
5. The Fair reserves the right to randomly select and test any animal regardless of it's placing in the show.
6. Animals that test positive for residues from any foreign substance that is not approved for use in meat animals by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), will be disqualified. Additionally:
  - a. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that the Sonoma County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and had no role in the administration of the drug shown by the drug test.
  - b. Any exhibitor whose animal is disqualified, will not be allowed to exhibit or sell any other animals in this year's Junior Livestock Auction program, and will forfeit any sale proceeds if they already sold another animal at this year's fair prior to their disqualification.
  - c. The Sonoma County Fair Exposition, Inc. will in no way be held liable or responsible for the value of animals that are disqualified.
  - d. The exhibitor will forfeit all rights to any scholarships, special awards, and all sale proceeds including the auction price and market resale value, regardless of their connection to the disqualified animal.

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- e. Any exhibitor whose animal is disqualified will be barred from exhibiting in any future Sonoma County Fair as a Junior Exhibitor.
  - f. Changes will not be made to the placings of other animals.
  - g. The identity of the exhibitor may be disclosed publicly as documentation of any board action automatically becomes public record.
7. Carcasses are USDA inspected at harvest and can be condemned or rejected if their tissue samples test positive for drugs not approved by the FDA for use in slaughter animals destined for human consumption. If the carcass of an animal sold through the Sonoma County Fair Junior Livestock Auction is rejected or condemned by the processing facility for these reasons, this animal will be considered disqualified and the seller/exhibitor will be subject to all consequences as outlined above in paragraph 7, and is responsible for the costs associated with the harvest and rendering of condemned carcasses.

### **California Rules Definition:**


Drug - a) any substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, prevention, or treatment of disease; and b) any substance, except food and water, which is intended to affect the structure or function of the body of any exhibit animal.

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## THANK YOU NOTES FOR AUCTION

1. Thank you note must be written to each buyer, including add-ons, of your animal (*if you have 5 buyers you must write 5 notes.*)
2. Standard stationary designed for correspondence or large size greeting cards (*blank inside*) must be used. Minimum size of greeting cards is 5" x 7", minimum paper is 6" x 9".  
**Binder paper (lined paper of any kind) plain printer paper and index cards are unacceptable.** Please note: Small sized thank you note cards are not appropriate.
3. Thank you notes must be written in ink. For those with weak penmanship, erasable ink pens are acceptable. No typed or computer written notes will be acceptable.
4. You must use a standard envelope. Home made envelopes will not be accepted.
5. Envelope must be properly addressed (*in ink*) and stamped before you receive your check. The Fair will not supply any material for your use.
6. Envelope must have complete name of the buyer.
7. Envelope must have the complete return address, lot #, and if the animal was a hog, beef, lamb, rabbit, poultry or goat.
8. Envelope must not be sealed when you turn in your note (*if you do seal it you will be required to open the envelope.*) Please remember that your envelope must have a first class stamp affixed to it.
9. Check will be issued when thank you note is delivered and approved by fair staff.
10. **All notes must include a picture of the exhibitor with their animal. Photo can be taken with a personal camera and must be a minimum of 4"x 6" and printed on photo paper. (If you would like to have your photo taken by the professional livestock photographer see information on following page.)**
11. Notes must be a minimum of 25 words for exhibitors up to 11 years old. Notes must be a 50-word minimum for those exhibitors 12 years and over.
12. Dirty or smudged thank you notes will not be accepted.
13. **Thank you notes must be turned into office within 15 days of the end of the Fair, or exhibitor may forfeit their payment check.**

### Example of Envelope

Your name	
Address	
Lot #	
Specie	
<p>Mr. John Doe Company Address City, State, Zipcode</p>	

### Example of Picture



### Sample Note

Your note should thank your buyer for supporting the Junior Livestock Auction and that you hope they will continue to support young people.

You can also tell them a little about yourself, such as age and how long you have been active in the Junior Livestock Auction. Tell them about your plans for the future (*money saved for your education, purchase of more animals, etc.*). The buyers are all interested in the young people that they support during the Junior Livestock Auction.

### Division 4400 – JLA Thank You Note Award

The Entry Office will award \$50.00 to three exhibitors with the top thank you note(s)

**2017 Thank You Note Winners: Amanda King, Mariana Hernandez and Tenlee Leone.**