**Frequently Asked Questions about Livestock Shows.**

**I am part of the showmanship circuit. Am I entered in the show if I fill out the showmanship paperwork online?**

-Members of the showmanship circuit will need to register for each show. The link for the Robeson County 4-H and Adult Youth shows can be found at:

-All questions concerning registration of circuit shows should be directed to Allison Walker, Allison\_Walker@ncsu.edu.

-All questions concerning the Robeson Shows can be directed to Taylor Chavis, [tbhunt@ncsu.edu](mailto:tbhunt@ncsu.edu) or Shea Ann DeJarnette at sadejarn@ncsu.edu.

**I am in 4-H and want to compete in the animal shows. Do I have to pen my animal for the week of the fair?**

-Robeson 4-H youth are required to pen their animals for the week of the fair.

-Youth from all other counties competing in animal shows may bring their animals the day of the show. **The only exception** is poultry that must be checked in and blood tested on the first Saturday of the fair between 8 and 11 AM.

**What is a project record?**

-A project record is a written report that highlights the learning opportunities that the youth record during their animal science experience. Project record forms can be found at robeson.ces.ncsu.edu under the 4-H Youth Development tab, then located under downloadable forms.

**Do I have to turn in a project record?**

-Robeson County 4-H youth are required to turn in project records when their animals are penned.

-All other youth are not required to turn in project records. However, in the case of a tie the judge may use the record books to break the tie.

**My child is 4 years old and shows at other county fairs. Can they show as part of the Robeson County 4-H shows?**

-4-H rules state that youth must be 5 years old to participate in the youth development program including Animal Science. If a show is not a 4-H show it is up to the show organizer to determine if a child under the age of 5 may participate.

**My child is 8 why are they not in the noncompetitive division?**

-As of January 1, 2019 youth who at 4-H Age 8 are now part of the Jr. Division in competitive programs. Noncompetitive division is now 5-7, Juniors 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, and Senior Division 14-18.

**I am not in 4-H and raise animals and would like to show in the 4-H shows can I?**

-Registration for the 4-H Youth shows is dependent on taking part in a 4-H approved animal science project. Contact your local 4-H county agent on whether or not you would be allowed to show.

-All youth in 4-H must be actively registered in 4-H Online in your county to participate in an 4-H event.

-If it is not listed as a 4-H youth show but as an adult/youth show you just need to fill out a show form and return it by the deadline to take part in the show.

**Can only youth show animals at the fair?**

-No, we do have shows in some species for adults. If you check our fair book pages you will see opportunities for adults to show goats and hogs.

**What is a Health Certificate?**

-A health certificate is issued by a licensed veterinarian and certifies that an animal is healthy at the time of inspection, and does not carry any communicable diseases.

-The Robeson County Fair requires that all goats, sheep, and cattle have valid health certificates (horses are required to have coggins and hogs are required to come from pseudorabies negative herds) that are presented to a designated person and verified before the animal may be brought into the building.

-Poultry is not issued a health certificate but will be blood tested on sight by NCDA before being penned.

-Each year the Robeson County staff will try to get a vet tech for the show so that health certificates can be optional. That announcement will be made to show registrants as soon as a person is confirmed. It will also be on the Fair’s social media sites as well as on the webpage with forms.

**Is the Robeson County Show a terminal show?**

-No we are not a terminal show. However hogs that are penned and shown should be taken for slaughter after the fair.

-Youth turkeys are purchased from the youth and go to suitable homes so as not to create a biohazard issue before other turkeys are taken to the state fair.

**Please note the Robeson Regional Agricultural Fair reserves the right to turn away animals or species based on health or disease outbreak in the area regardless of a valid health certificate. Should this decision be made a notice will be placed on the fair website (**[**www.robesoncountyfair.com**](http://www.robesoncountyfair.com)**) in advance of the animal take in on Saturday, September 28, 2024.**