

UNION COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW 2024

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Open to all youth who have not reached their 19th birthday prior to January 1, 2024. Active 4-H enrollment is required. Youth under 8 will be placed in Cloverbud Class and receive participation ribbons. Cloverbuds participate in showmanship only.
2. The animal health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) will be strictly enforced, and decisions of the regulatory veterinarian concerning animal health status are final. No animals may be unloaded on the premises before being inspected and approved by the regulatory veterinarian.
3. If an exhibitor has more than one entry per class, another exhibitor must show the additional animal. An exhibitor is limited to 2 animals per show (Example – 2 market wethers in the Junior Meat Goat Show and/or 2 does in the Junior Breeder Doe Show).
4. Exhibitors may show does and ewes in their respective market classes but will be unable to enter the same animal in the breeding classes.
5. All male animals must be castrated. No bucks, rams, or bulls will be allowed to show.
6. Rules are subject to change without notification. Show officials reserve the right to rearrange classes other than those advertised prior to show time.
7. Unruly animals, which endanger the safety of exhibitors or officials, will be dismissed without an award.
8. All participants are automatically entered in their respective showmanship classes: Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, or Senior. Cloverbuds are non-competitive.
9. **Attention non-circuit and circuit participants:** This year the 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit is requiring participants to register to *participate* in the circuit by 5:00 pm on July 19, 2024. You will then need to *register for county shows individually*. For Union County show (non-circuit and circuit members), you may register by google form at go.ncsu.edu/unionlivestockshow24 . The deadline to register for Union County's show is Sept. 6th 2024.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES – post marked by Friday, September 6, 2024

LIMIT TO 2 ENTRIES PER SHOW

Union County Junior Meat Goat Show

1. Open to goats weighing at least 25 lbs. All goats must have baby teeth in place at the time of the show.
2. Must have an official scrapie tag in place.
3. Goats must be clean.
4. Goat classes will be divided by weight. Show officials reserve the right to rearrange classes other than those advertised prior to show time.

Union County Junior Breeder Doe Show

1. Open to meat goat/meat goat cross does.
2. Must have an official scrapie tag in place.
3. Goats must be clean.
4. Classes will be determined by the breed and weight of the doe, and will be divided at the discretion of the show officials.

Union County Junior Goat Showmanship Contest

1. Each exhibitor will be entered in the Junior Goat Showmanship Contest.
2. Exhibitors will be divided into classes by age.
2. Classes will be judged solely on showmanship, not fitting.

Union County Junior Market Lamb Show

1. Open to lambs weighing at least 60 lbs. All lambs must have baby teeth in place at the time of the show.
2. Must have an official scrapie tag in place.
3. Lambs must be sheared and clean.
4. Lamb classes will be divided by lamb weight. Show officials reserve the right to rearrange classes other than those advertised prior to show time.

Union County Junior Breeder Ewe Show

1. Open to any sheep breed.
2. Must have official scrapie tag in place.
3. Ewes must be clean.
4. Classes will be determined by breed and weight of the ewe and will be divided at the discretion of the show officials.

Junior Lamb Showmanship Contest

1. Each exhibitor will be entered in the Junior Lamb Showmanship Contest.
2. Exhibitors will be divided into classes by age.
3. Classes will be judged solely on showmanship, not fitting.

Union County Junior Beef Heifer Show

3. Heifers must be born September 1, 2022 to April 30, 2024.
4. Heifers must be halter broken. Unruly animals, which endanger the safety of exhibitors or officials, will be dismissed without an award.
3. Classes with more than 10 entries will be divided
4. Heifers will be divided into classes according to breed and birth date.

Union County Junior Beef Showmanship Contest

1. Each exhibitor will be entered in the Junior Beef Showmanship Contest.
2. Exhibitors will be divided into classes by age.
3. Classes will be judged solely on showmanship, not fitting.

Junior Dairy Showmanship Contest

1. Exhibitors will be divided into classes by age.
2. Classes will be judged solely on showmanship, not fitting.
3. This showmanship contest is not associated with the 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit and has no associated production show.

New Fun Class Options!

Join us for a fun afternoon session with two new classes. These classes will be held 12-1 during the break between the goat and sheep show. Times subject to change based on duration of goat show.

Costume Contest Class

- Show participants of any age can enter (ages 5-18)
- One entry per competitor (any species)
- Showmen are encouraged to have coordinating attire with animal
- Entries will be judged on creativity, crowd appeal, and costume effort

Alumni Showmanship Class- Sign up at: go.ncsu.edu/alumnishowmanship24

- Open to any 4-H Alumni (former member of any state or program)
- Not eligible for any other class
- Must use an animal already on the show grounds that is participating in the show- contact Rachel Owens if assistance is needed in obtaining an animal to show

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, September 21, 2024

7:30 am - 8:30 am No earlier than 9:00 am	Goat Weigh-in/Check-in Goat Show
12:00-1:00 (Subject to Change)	4-H Alumni Showmanship Contest and Costume Contest
1:00-1:30 No earlier than 1:30	Lamb Weigh-In/Check-In Lamb Show
2:30pm – 3:00pm No earlier than 3:00pm	Heifer Check-in Heifer Show
3:00pm - 3:30pm No earlier than 4:00	Dairy Heifer Check-in Dairy Showmanship Contest

The show will be held at the new Union County Simpson Events Center at 307 Cultivation Circle, Monroe, NC 28112. It is located behind the Union County Agricultural Services & Conference Center, 3230 Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112.

For more information please contact Rachel Owens at Union County Cooperative Extension, 704-283-3739. The day of the show, she can be reached at 704-238-7196.

The show is being held at the Simpson Events Center that features a covered arena. Some pens will be available, but please bring lead ropes to tie animals. There is a wash bay for animals. Restrooms are available on-site.