



# 2026 Northeast Youth Livestock Show Rules

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Brown County Fairgrounds, De Pere, WI

## **ENTRY DEADLINES: NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED**

Market Show – August 1, 2026

Breeding Show & Showmanship – September 1, 2026

## **2026 UPDATES:** *All updates are within their respective headers.*

1. Swine – Market Swine: Updated old language relating to Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv) and Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS)
2. Auction: Clarified the auction commission fee deducted from auction checks

## **ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITOR**

1. All entries must be carefully filled out using the Showman App which can be found at [neylslivestock.com](http://neylslivestock.com).
2. Each exhibitor must be a Wisconsin resident between the ages of 8 -19 as of January 1 of the current calendar year to compete
3. PeeWee Division:
  - A. Exhibitor must be a Wisconsin resident between the ages of 5 - 7 as of January 1 of the current calendar year to compete
  - B. Exhibitor will be eligible to exhibit and sell one (1) animal ONLY at the show and in the auction

## **ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRY**

1. All exhibit animals must be gilts, barrows, steers, beef females, lambs, ewes, or rams. Late or incomplete castrations will not be allowed to be shown. Any wild or uncontrollable animal may be declared ineligible by the Species Chairman.
2. Exhibitors will be allowed to enter and show one market species only (Species refer to swine, beef, and sheep).
  - A. i.e. Exhibitor can show a breeding gilt, prospect market steer, breeding ewe and/or breeding heifer.
3. Registration papers must be in the name of the exhibitor or family name.
4. Exhibitors must show their own animal or animals: If the exhibitor has more than one animal in any class, or if the exhibitor is physically disabled at the time of the show, he or she may have another eligible exhibitor show the animal or animals. Exhibitors are required to show their own highest placing animal in any Champion Drive.
5. Substitute Showman: Substitutions will only be allowed for the following reasons:
  - A. Two animals in the same class
  - B. Sickness or a physical injury documented by a physician
  - C. A pre-approved 4-H or FFA activity. No other school activity will qualify.
  - D. Will be approved upon the Species Chairman approval
6. All animals are to be fed, fitted, entered, and shown by the exhibitor. Family members and other junior exhibitors are allowed to help.

## **REGISTRATION**

1. All registration entries will be completed through the Showman App ([showman.app](http://showman.app))
2. Entry Fees (Based on per head)
  - A. Beef
    - i. Market Steers & Market Heifers: \$35.00
    - ii. Commercial and Registered Heifers: \$50.00
    - iii. Prospect Market Steers: \$50.00
  - B. Sheep
    - i. Market Lambs: \$25.00
    - ii. Breeding Sheep/Ewes: \$40.00
  - C. Swine
    - i. Market Swine: \$30.00
    - ii. Breeding Swine: \$45.00

## **IDENTIFICATION**

1. When entries are to be identified, the project member can either make arrangements to have a supervisor identify said animals on a member's farm. Parents may verify the identification if the county can't provide this service.
2. The loss of an ear tag must immediately be made known to the Secretary of the show in advance of the show if the animal is to be eligible to show.

## **GENERAL RULES**

1. Exhibitors will only be allowed to sell one animal.
2. Exhibitors will be allowed to show one species for market animals. There is no limit to species for breeding shows.
3. Materials may not be used to change the color of an animal. If natural color is altered, that animal is disqualified. There will be no painting on sheep to either alter or enhance color.
4. No medicines can be given an animal at the show without a vet's or Species Chairman's approval. Blood or urine tests may be taken if a complaint is filed regarding irregular drug use. If the tests are positive, the exhibitor stands the cost incurred in testing and will be banned from future NEYLS show participation.

5. Any animal that has been altered through surgical procedures will be disqualified and the exhibitor's status at future shows will be determined by the show committee.
6. Any complaints regarding the eligibility of entries must be filed in writing by an exhibitor with the Species Chairman before the show starts.
7. All exhibitors must conform to the policies and regulations established for NEYL shows. No smoking, drinking or use of controlled substances will be permitted. Violations of any of these rules may bar an exhibitor from participating or showing for any of the prizes, selling in the sale, or may bar an exhibitor from future shows. Interpretation of these rules rests solely with the management of the Northeast Youth Livestock Show.
8. Any exhibitor who has been disqualified from any other approved show (County, State or WLBA Show) is ineligible to compete until that ban is lifted. Status of the eligibility of an exhibitor can be determined if additional information is available.
9. All pens and stalls must be cleaned and limed before leaving the fairgrounds at the end of the show. All products will be supplied by the executive committee. All exhibitors need to check out with the Pen Marshall or a \$25.00 fee will be deducted from their auction check.
10. Required Forms:
  - A. YQCA Certification (Exhibitors Age 8-19, Age 5-7 Do Not need this certification)

## **BEEF**

1. Animals must be in an exhibitor's possession by May 1<sup>st</sup> of current show year.
2. All cattle must be free of ringworm, warts, or other infectious disease.
3. MARKET STEERS AND MARKET HEIFERS
  - A. An exhibitor can exhibit up to a combination of two (2) market steers and market heifers.
  - B. All steers must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.
  - C. Steers must carry a numbered ear tag that is identified on the entry form.
  - D. Steers will be shown by class and weight as market animals.
  - E. Classes will be either Beef Bred or Dairy (Holsteins, Jersey, etc.) Bred (there will not be any Purebred classes).
  - F. Steers with horns longer than one (1) inch from the hairline will not be permitted to show. Loosely attached scurs are allowed.
  - G. No force filling on steers allowed.
4. COMMERCIAL AND REGISTERED HEIFERS
  - A. An exhibitor can show up to three (3) heifers.
  - B. All heifers must be born during the following times:
    - i. Junior Heifer calf: born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year
    - ii. Senior Heifer Calf: born on or between Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the show year.
    - iii. Summer Yearling Calf: born on or between May 1<sup>st</sup> and Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the show year.
    - iv. Junior yearling calf: born on or between Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> of the year preceding the show year.
    - v. Senior Yearling Calf: born on or between Sept 1<sup>st</sup> and Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> of second year preceding the show year.
  - C. An exhibitor is allowed to enter one animal per class with max. of 3 heifers shown.
  - D. Purebred females must be 75% or more purebred and recorded through a national breed association and carry a legible tattoo corresponding with the registration papers
  - E. All heifers with papers will be shown by breed or AOB. Heifers without papers or crossbred heifers will be shown in a commercial class by weight.
  - F. All heifer classes will be broken down by breed with a 10-head minimum.
  - G. Classes will be determined after all entries are checked in. There will be overall breed heifer championship awards.
  - H. An exhibitor may exhibit one managerial heifer upon filing appropriate paperwork.
  - I. No force filling on heifers allowed.
5. PROSPECT MARKET STEERS
  - A. An exhibitor can show up to two (2) prospect market steers.
  - B. All prospect market steers must be born during the following time:
    - i. January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> of the show year
  - C. All prospect market (no breed categories) steer classes will be broken down by weight (light, medium, heavy).
  - D. Classes will be determined after all entries are checked in. There will be overall prospect market steer championship awards.
  - E. No force filling on prospect market steers allowed.

## **SHEEP**

1. All sheep must be free from external parasites, foot rot, or other contagious diseases to be eligible to exhibit. All female sheep and sexually intact males need scrapies tags. There are no drenching and no muzzles rules in force.
2. MARKET LAMBS
  - A. An exhibitor can exhibit up to two (2) market lambs.
  - B. Must carry either a flock tag or other appropriate identification.
  - C. Must not have more than one-half inch of wool. No Patch Shearing.
  - D. Must be born after January 1 of current year.
  - E. Must be in the exhibitor's possession by June 1st.
  - F. Will be shown by weight only
  - G. Lambs will be weighed without blankets or tubes.
3. BREEDING SHEEP/EWES
  - A. An exhibitor can show six (6) head of breeding sheep.

- B. All ewes must be recorded through a national breed association and carry an ear tag that corresponds with the registration papers. Ewes without proper papers and crossbred ewes will show as a commercial breed and/or wether type ewes by weight.
- C. All breeding sheep must be in the exhibitor's possession by May 1 of current year.
- D. Ewes must be born after September 1st of second year preceding the show year.
- E. Age classifications:
  - i. Yearlings: born between September 1<sup>st</sup> of second year preceding show year and August 31<sup>st</sup> of year proceeding show year.
  - ii. Fall lambs: born between September 1<sup>st</sup> of year preceding the show year and December 31<sup>st</sup> of year proceeding the show year.
  - iii. Winter lambs: born between January 1<sup>st</sup> of show year and February 15<sup>th</sup> of show year.
  - iv. Spring lambs: born after February 16<sup>th</sup> of show year.
- F. An exhibitor is allowed to enter one animal in each class.
- G. Lead Class
  - i. Open to all sheep exhibitors
  - ii. Ewes or wethers may be used
  - iii. Animals must be owned by the immediate family
  - iv. Entrants shall provide the sheep chairman with a Lead Class entry form at the time ewe registration papers are checked.

## SWINE

### 1. MARKET SWINE

- A. An exhibitor can exhibit up to two (2) market hogs.
- B. The swine show will be non-terminal.
- C. Accredited Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) required with the following statement on the health papers: The herd of origin was inspected on the farm within 30 days prior to the show and showed no sign of disease
- D. **All hogs must be identified by the standard ear notch system (1, 3, 9). If a pig does not have an ear notch, it must have a bona fide county or state fair ear tag to exhibit.**
- E. Pigs will be shown by final weight.
- F. PUREBRED Animals will be shown in an APB (All Purebred Breed) Class. A copy of registration papers must accompany registration papers in order for animal to be entered in that class.

### 2. BREEDING SWINE

- A. No maximum number of gilts to be entered per exhibitor.
- B. Gilts shown in the breeding stock show cannot be shown in the market show.
- C. Gilts in the breeding stock show are not eligible for the sale. **If you want to sell them, please enter them in the market show.**
- D. Each breed will have their own class.
- E. Purebreds will be shown by age, crossbreds will be shown by weight.
- F. No minimum weight, max weight 350 pounds for crossbreds.
  - i. If an exhibitor has a market gilt that does not make weight, they will have the option of showing it in the breeding stock show.
- G. Purebreds have to be born after Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> of the prior year and no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and must have a copy of the registration paper. Registration paper must be in the exhibitor's name or family member's name.
- H. All gilts must go through the check in process.
- I. **Breeding stock gilts will need to be shown out of your trailer.** Market hogs take precedence in the barn.
- J. Payouts will be based on entries.
- K. There will be a payout of the top 5 gilts. Only Grand and Reserve of each breed eligible for the top 5.

## GENERAL LIVESTOCK HEALTH REGULATIONS

- 1. Each Entry form must have listed on it the Premise ID for the location in which the animals are being housed.

### 2. SHEEP

- A. Must be individually identified with one of the following:
  - i. USDA Tag
  - ii. For animals not suitable for ear tagging, legible flack or tail-web tattoo is acceptable (tattoo must contain premise ID and individual animal number) **ILLEGIBLE TATTOOS WILL BE CONSIDERED AS NO IDENTIFICATION**
  - iii. Scrapie Flock Certification Program tags

### 3. SWINE

- A. All swine must be accompanied by an official health certificate, issued within 30 days of arrival that shows individual identification such as tattoo or ear tag, complete description of livestock such as age, sex, breed, and also that they are free of external parasites, ringworm or warts, or any infectious, contagious, or communicable disease.

## SHOWMANSHIP

- 1. There will be showmanship classes for beef, sheep, and swine exhibitors.
- 2. The exhibitor must show their own animal in showmanship and said animal must be registered for the show by the exhibitor.
- 3. There will be five age groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14-16, and 17+ as of January 1st of the current show year.
- 4. Please include birthday on registration papers.
- 5. Other divisions of showmanship may be added to species as deemed necessary by entry numbers.
- 6. If a hog does not qualify for the market show (i.e. make weight), the hog will also not qualify for showmanship.
- 7. Beef Showmanship will be No Fit.
- 8. Exhibitors are only allowed to be in a showmanship class for one species.
- 9. Exhibitors must be showing in the market or breeding show to be eligible for showmanship.

## SHOW RING DRESS CODE

1. All exhibitors will wear one of the following
  - A. A buttoned up, collared shirt or collared polo shirt, short or long sleeve, or nice blouse
  - B. Closed toed, hard soled shoes
  - C. No headgear is allowed
  - D. The Show Ring Dress Code will also be enforced during the auction and Sale of Champions.

#### **AUCTION**

1. One (1) total animal per exhibitor will be allowed to go into the auction.
2. **No fee for withdrawals**
3. Minimum auction starting price for each species will be market price for that day.
4. No withdrawals until species' champions are determined.
5. Grand and Reserve Champion animals in each species may **NOT** be withdrawn from the sale and must sell at auction and go to slaughter.
6. **Exhibitors are responsible for care of their animals until after the auction.**
7. **\*\*SWINE EXHIBITORS ONLY** who live outside of Kewaunee, Brown, Door and Manitowoc counties must have a butcher date for their hogs or you won't be able to sell in the sale.
8. A commission fee of 5% will be deducted from all auction checks.

#### **WEIGHTS**

1. Beef:
  - A. Dairy Steers (except Holstein): Minimum 1000 lbs.
  - B. Beef Breeds: Minimum 1100 lbs.
  - C. Holstein Steers: Minimum 1300 lbs.
2. Sheep:
  - A. Minimum: 100 lbs.
  - B. Maximum Payout Weight: 170 lbs.
3. Swine:
  - A. Minimum: 230 lbs.
  - B. Maximum Payout Weight: 300 lbs.
  - C. Maximum Weight: 350 lbs. (anything over will not be allowed to show or be sold)

#### **GRANTS**

1. Northeast Youth Livestock Show Grants will be awarded to both the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions of each species.
  - A. \$500 – Grand Champion
  - B. \$250 – Reserve Grand Champion
2. Swine and Sheep Breeding & Prospect Market Steer Shows
  - A. Based on the amount of entries, 66% of entry fees will be used to pay out grants
3. No guarantee on grants. Grants will only be granted with sponsorship donation.

#### **QUESTIONS**

1. All questions can be directed to Northeast Youth Livestock Show Executive Committee at: neylslivestock@gmail.com or (920) 609-8554.

***All rules are subject to change without prior notice by the NEYLS Executive Committee***