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2009**

**Hughes County Spring Livestock Show.**

**Show Dates:  
Feb 26<sup>th</sup> thru Feb 28<sup>th</sup>  
Sale: Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**26<sup>th</sup> – 3:00pm – 5:00 pm - Goat and Sheep weigh in  
26<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm - Goat Show followed by Sheep**

**27<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Cattle weigh in  
27<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm – Cattle Show**

**28<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. - Swine weigh in  
28<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 a.m. - Swine show**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - 5:30 p.m. - Buyers Dinner  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 p.m. - Premium Sale**

**General Rules and Regulations**

- 1) **ENTRIES:** ALL entries must be filed with the OSU Extension office by the third Friday in December before 4:00 pm to be eligible for the **\$10.00 per animal entry fee**. Entries made after that date will be charged a fee of \$25.00 per animal and there will be no entries allowed after the third Friday in January of the current year. All applications for entry must be made on printed forms available from the OSU Extension Office. Every entry blank must be signed by the exhibitor or his/her duly authorized agent, giving name and post office address in full. All animals must be entered in the name of the owner of each individual animal and each owner will be considered a separate exhibitor.
- 2) **MEMBERSHIP:** The Hughes County Spring Livestock Show is limited to Hughes County 4-H members and/or Hughes County FFA members. **Exhibitors in 4-H must be enrolled and recognized by their local and county 4-H club and be nine years old by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year. FFA members must have paid their dues by November 15<sup>th</sup> of the current school year.**
- 3) **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY:** All 4-H and FFA members are subject to academic eligibility rules established by the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activity Association (OSSAA) and as supported by the state 4-H and FFA organizations. Please be sure to read the following very closely so you are aware of the eligibility requirements.
  - a) Youth who have been declared ineligible to participate in extra curricular activities by their local school administration will be declared ineligible to participate in this show.
  - b) Youth who are eligible on the first day of the show will be considered eligible for the entire show duration of the show. Youth who are ineligible on the first day of the show will be considered ineligible for the entire show.
  - c) If an exhibitor is ineligible to participate in the show for any reason including rules of the OSSAA, the animals owned by the exhibitor are also ineligible for the show.
  - d) Ineligible youths who participate in the show will forfeit all shows and sale premiums and awards; and will be subject to disciplinary action as by the local school policies.

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- e) It will be the responsibility of the local school administration to notify the student's family and the show management or OSSAA if a particular student is ineligible to participate.
- 4) **OWNERSHIP:** Each animal must be shown by the bonafide owner for placing in any class in which it is entered unless the owner has more than one animal in the ring at the same time. In this case, the owner may use another exhibitor to show his/or her animal. Each animal offered for sale must be handled in the ring by the bonafide owner. Any exception to this rule will require a written request signed by the exhibitor and approved by the department superintendent. This must be noted on the back of the card used for judging ring records. Animals which are owned jointly and fed on a partnership basis are not eligible to show. In the event an animal dies after the entry deadline, a substitution can be made with the approval of the Fair Board if:
- Ag Teacher, Extension Educator is notified within 7 days of death.
  - Youth has no other animals of that species entered.
- Sheep, Swine, Goats and Cattle must be continuously owned for at least 90 days prior to the show. It is the responsibility of the Agricultural Education Instructor in charge of submitting entries to certify that to the best of his/her knowledge, the exhibitor and the animal entered are duly qualified and meet the ownership requirement and abide by other Livestock Show rules.**
- 5) **PROTESTS:** All protests must be submitted in writing within one hour of the decision and submitted with a \$50.00 deposit which may be refunded upon winning of the protest.
- 6) **PROTESTING JUDGES DECISION:** No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article will be considered by the Management. The right of an exhibitor to appeal the decision of a judge to the Management will stand only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules and regulations governing the exhibit or when it is charged that the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with by another. All questions of dispute or differences not provided for under the rules and regulations shall be referred to the Management whose decision shall be final.
- 7) **LIMITATION of ANIMAL EXHIBITS:** An exhibitor is limited to no more than three (3) animals per market class and three (3) animals for breeding class per species for the show and only one animal per exhibitor will be allowed in the premium sale in the county.
- 8) **PRIOR SHOWS:** No animal (with the exception of Heifers) may enter that has been through another premium sale prior to this show. Heifers will be eligible for show no more than twice but will not be allowed in the premium sale more than once.
- 9) **VIOLATION OF RULES.** Any violation of rules published in the Rules Book may result in disqualification. Further, any premium monies, trophies, special awards, or other consideration earned may be forfeited. Conduct unbecoming any exhibitor or relative of an exhibitor can result in the forfeiture of all premiums and privileges.
- 10) **BEDDING.** Wood shavings are the **only** items allowed to be used as stall bedding. **Stall Cleanings.** Exhibitors need to place stall cleanings in proper containers or areas. Do not place stall cleanings in any walkway or trash barrel. All alleys and pens should be kept clean. **Wood Shavings Only. Absolutely NO STRAW.** Wood shavings must be provided by the schools or individuals.
- 11) An animal cannot be shown but in one class.
- 12) Breeding Animals: There must be **three (3) entries to make a Breed and 2 to make a class. In case there are not sufficient to make a breed, breeds may be combined by the superintendent.**
- 13) All participants will be required to wear the **appropriate 4-H or FFA dress in both the show and sale. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of premiums and awards.**
- 14) **ANIMAL CLASSIFICATION.** The appropriate superintendent will make the classifications. If the classification is challenged, the superintendent will discuss the matter with the AG instructors; and if the dispute is not resolved, the matter will be brought before a quorum of Free Fair board members, who will rule on the matter.
- 15) **PARKING, Vehicles on Grounds.** Vehicles, including automobiles, trucks, recreational vehicles, trailers, golf carts, motor scooters, bicycles, etc., are not allowed inside barns. **There will be no parking around the barns, areas between barns or fire lanes unless in a designated area. Areas will be designated for parking when showing from trailers and you must use these areas.** You will be allowed time to

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bring in supplies if needed. DO NOT drive vehicles through barns to unload. No trailers or vehicles will be allowed to park inside barns or inside designated loading/unloading areas, as well as in front of doorways. All empty trailers must be parked away from buildings. Animals may be shown from trailers, but the trailers will be parked outside the buildings and space used will be on a first come basis.

## **General Rules Pertaining to Competitive Exhibitors**

1. **Herdsmanship.** Exhibitors will be required to keep their spaces and stalls clean by removing any trash and litter and placing it in containers provided for this purpose. Individual conduct and behavior is used to help determine the Herdsmanship award.
2. **Electricity.** Electric equipment and appliances used by exhibitors shall be properly shielded, grounded if necessary, for safe operation; and all electric cords shall be in good condition, without breaks in insulation. NOTE: All electrical cords must be Underwriters Approved.
3. **False Statements.** If it be ascertained that any exhibitor has made or caused to be made any false statement in regard to any animal or article, or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, he/she shall be excluded from competition.
4. **No Shows.** Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees paid for entries, stalls, pens, or space.
5. **Premiums.** The judges will award appropriate ribbons only on articles listed in the rules book. The decisions of a judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in case of protest. The judges in all departments will be approved by the Fair Board. No one will be allowed to act as a judge in the class or ring in which he/she or members of his/her immediate family exhibit
6. **Pets on Grounds.** No dogs or other pets are allowed on the Fairgrounds - whether on a leash or not, except for Police dogs on duty, seeing eye lead dogs, or others as approved by show management.
7. **Fans.** Due to space limitations Exhibitors will not be allowed to use aisle fans, only overhead secured fans may be used.

## **General Livestock Health and Sanitary Regulations**

### **SWINE**

All swine must be accompanied by an official health certificate that lists individual identification such as tattoo or ear tag, complete description of livestock as to age, sex, breed, also must indicate the animals are free of external parasites, ringworms, warts and any infectious, contagious or communicable disease. Pseudo rabies test chart will not be accepted in lieu of a health certificate. All swine health papers must indicate a negative test for pseudo rabies or originate from a qualified herd without the required testing. Swine vaccinated for pseudo rabies are not allowed to enter Oklahoma.

### **SHEEP AND GOATS**

All sheep must be accompanied by an official health certificate, issued within 30 days of arrival. The certificate must show the animal to be free of any infections, contagious, or communicable disease and a statement indicating the animal to have been inspected and found free of external parasites and ringworms.

### **CATTLE**

All cattle must be accompanied by an official health certificate, issued within 30 days of arrival, that shows complete description of livestock as to age, sex, breed and individual identification such as tattoo or ear tag, also must show the animals are free of external parasites, ringworms or warts, and any infectious, contagious or communicable disease. Health certificates must show a negative test for brucellosis within 30 days of arrival at the show on animals over 18 months of age. Steers and official vaccinates of the beef breeds under 24 months of age, and under 20 months of age for the dairy breeds, that are not parturient or post-parturient, are exempt from testing requirements. Cattle originating from a certified brucellosis-free herd need not be tested for brucellosis, provided the certified herd number is identified on the health certificate.

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## **IAFE(International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics**

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events (Any violation of the following will result in disciplinary action deemed necessary by show management):

- 1.Ownership.** All exhibitors must present, upon request of livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2.Health Certificate.** Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3.Care and Groom.** Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4.Illegal Substances.** Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
- 5.Surgical Procedures.** Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance is prohibited.

### **PREMIUM SALE RULES**

- 1. All exhibitors must designate no later than 30 minutes after show whether or not they intend to participate in the Hughes County Spring Livestock Show Premium Sale.**
- 2. The premium sale order will be set and displayed as soon as possible after the completion of the show and it shall not be changed after 1 hour of its being set.**
- 3. The number of animals in the premium sale will be based on the number of exhibitors of the species shown (not including market steers) vs. the total number of exhibitors eligible for the show. This factor will then be multiplied by 60 and fractions of animals shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number. (Market Steers shall have 10 dedicated slots in the sale)**
- 4. The sale order shall rotate each year with the lead species being placed at the end of all other species. Species order has been set by drawing and will rotate on the following order: Breeding Gilt (1<sup>st</sup> in 2006); Beef Heifer (1<sup>st</sup> in 2007); Market Hog (1<sup>st</sup> in 2008); Market Ewe (1<sup>st</sup> in 2009); Breeding Doe (1<sup>st</sup> in 2010); Market Goat (1<sup>st</sup> in 2011); Market Lamb (1<sup>st</sup> in 2012); and Market Steer (1<sup>st</sup> in 2013).**

**The Hughes County Fair Board and Livestock Show Officials are not responsible for any accident or loss incurred during the show.**

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## **SHEEP**

**General Rule** All scrapies requirements will apply.  
Lamb cards must be in by 8:00 - 10:00 AM March 3rd.

### **Market Wether**

**Exhibitor may show 3 animals in this category**

1. The superintendent and sheep committee will weigh, and classify all market lambs. No paint.
2. **Classes will be broken by weight and set by the superintendent**

Breeds:  
Southdown                      Dorset  
Suffolk                            Hampshire  
Shropshire                        Crossbreed  
Natural

### **Market Ewe**

**Exhibitor may show 3 animals in this category**

1. The superintendent and sheep committee will weigh, and classify all market lambs. No paint
2. **Classes will be broken by weight and set by the superintendent. All Breeds will show together**

Breeds:  
Southdown                        Hampshire  
Suffolk                              Shropshire  
Dorset                                OPB  
Cross

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## **GOATS**

### **General Rules:**

1. **Wethers** and doe kids are eligible to show in market kid class; however, doe kids may only participate in market or breeding classes; NOT BOTH.
2. There is a No Tooth Rule.
3. **No body contact bracing**

### **Market Goats: Exhibitor may show 3 animals in this category.**

1. Open to any type of meat goat regardless of breed. All **market goats will** show together.
2. **Classes will be broken by weight and set by the superintendent**

### **Breeding Doe: Exhibitor may show 3 animals in this category**

1. Open to any type of meat goat regardless of breed. All registered does and crossbreeds will show together and be broken into classes by weight.
2. **Does may not exceed 160 pounds.**
3. Registration papers required on registered goats, all others require a notarized statement from the breeder.

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**SWINE**

All swine must have a negative pseudo rabies test conducted sometime after December 1<sup>st</sup> and must have a blood test ear tag visible for identification. Pseudo Rabies test not necessary to enter hogs, but is a must to show.

**Market Swine General Rules:**

1. Classes will be divided by weight. Weigh in will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Classification ● Animals will be classified according to breed, in accordance with Oklahoma City rules, by the superintendent. **If there is a challenge, the superintendent will discuss the matter with the Ag Instructors and if there is no resolution the matter will be taken before at least 5 members of the Free Fair board, who will rule.**
2. Weight range will be 200-290 lbs, without weigh back.
3. Water based products ONLY will be permitted. **No paint, no oil based products will be allowed. Violation may be grounds for disqualification.**

**Market Hog Show Regulations:**

- 1.**Ownership.** Exhibitor may show three market Hogs. Each Hog must have been continuously **owned and fed personally by the exhibitor for a period of 90 days preceding the opening date of the show.**
- 2.**Nominations.** All Hogs must be nominated by the required date.
- 3.**Entering.** All Hogs must be ear tagged, and official entry cards turned into the OSU Extension Office by the designated weigh-in time.
- 4.**Pedigrees.** Pedigrees are not required for Hogs.
- 5.**Show Weight.** Show weight will range from 200 to 290 pounds.
- 6.**Ear Notches.** All purebred Hogs must have healed ear notches on both ears.
- 7.**Grooming.** Water will be the only substance permitted for coat dressing. Clipping is allowed in the barns.
- 8.**All Hogs are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.**
- 9.**Pens.** Each organization may be assigned pen areas.
- 10.**Generators.** **No generators may be operated inside the barns. Only overhead fans which are safely secured are allowed in the barns. No aisle fans may be used.**
11. **Classes will be set by the superintendent**

**Breeds:**

Berkshire  
Chester White  
Duroc  
Hampshire

Poland  
Spot  
Yorkshire  
AOB  
Crossbreed

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**Breeding Gilts General Rules**

**An Exhibitor may show 3 animals in this category**

1. Registration papers will be required. Gilts with no papers will be classified as crossbreeds. Crossbreeds will require a notarized certificate from the breeder stating the age of the animal.
2. Gilts with papers will be divided in to two classes by the Superintendent.
3. **Classes will be broken by weight and set by the superintendent**

**Breeding Gilt Show Regulations**

**1.Entries.** Exhibitor may show three gilts. Each gilt must have been continuously owned and fed personally by the exhibitor for a period of 90 days proceeding the opening day of the show.

**2.Nominations.** All gilts must be nominated by the required date.

**3.Weight.** All commercial gilts must weigh a minimum of 200 lbs. and a maximum of 325 lbs.

**4.Age.** All purebred gilts will be shown by age. Purebred gilts born between August 1 and September 30 are eligible to show. Commercial gilts will show by weight.

**5.Grooming.** Water will be the only substance permitted for coat dressing. Clipping is allowed in the barns, however no snaring will be allowed.

**6.Pens.** Each organization will be assigned one pen per three hogs.

**7.Pedigrees.** All purebred gilts must have pedigrees. All pedigrees must be officially transferred into the exhibitors name by the respective breed association. An exhibitor may exhibit an animal registered in the name of a fellow exhibitor as described in the household nomination rule.

**Breeds:**

Duroc  
Yorkshire  
Chester White  
Spot

Poland  
Hampshire  
Berkshire  
AOB  
Crossbreed

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**BEEF**

**GENERAL RULES:**

1. All beef exhibits must be broke to lead and remain under the control of the exhibitor at all times.
2. No hair coloring will be allowed above the flank of the animal. Added hair or other material, natural or man made (excluding false switches), may not be used in the grooming of any entry.

**Steers**

1. The exhibitor must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for the animal(s) from the time of nomination until the show.
2. **All steers that are nominated for the state show are automatically entered into the county show, all other entries must be entered by the designated time at the OSU Extension Office.**
3. Entry cards must be filled out prior to weigh-in. The breed on the card must be the same approved by the classifier at the time of nomination.
4. Steers will be subject to mouthing.
5. Tooth Rule: The two permanent incisors may be in but must be below the cutting edge of the adjacent temporary incisors. Any questionable steers will be reviewed by a vet.
6. Classes will be broken at the time of check-in and posted by the superintendent.
7. **Classes will be set by the superintendent**
8. **Production steers are eligible to show in the market steer class**

**Heifers**

1. Heifers must be calved as listed in the classes.
2. Registration papers and tattoos will be checked and are required.
3. Every animal must be registered in the exhibitor's name.
4. Commercial Heifers must be accompanied by a notarized certificate from the breeder.
5. Exhibitors must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for no less than 90 days prior to the opening day of the show.
6. Classes will be broken at time of check-in and posted by the superintendent.
7. Bred Heifers - May be bred but must have not calved by the date of the show.
8. **Beef Heifers Only.**
9. **It takes 3 to make a breed. If not sufficient to form a breed, they will be shown as All Other Breeds. (AOB). Commercial heifers will show as crossbreeds**

**Heifer Classes: Youngest to Oldest**

- Spring Heifer (March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008- later)
- Junior Heifer (January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008- February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008)
- Winter Heifer (November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007- December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007)
- Senior Heifer (September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007- October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007)
- Summer Yearlings (May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007- August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007)
- Senior Yearlings (January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007- April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007)

**Breeds:**

Angus	Brahman	Herford	Salers	Crossbreed
Beefmaster	Influence	(Horned &	Shorthorn	
Brahman	Charolais	Polled	Simmental	
Brahmousin	Chiania	Limousin	Sembrah	
Brangus	Gelbvieh	Maine Anjou	AOB	

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## **CATTLE FITTING CONTEST**

1. Entries: The contest will be open to one team per school. Each school will be responsible for establishing the team selection. Must have alternates for each team member (both gender and age). All team members must consist of three exhibitors with eligible entries at the 2006 county beef livestock show.
  - A. Each team member must be from the same school.
  - B. Each team must be comprised of three members and at least one member of the opposite sex, (i.e. two females/one male or two males/one female).
  - C. Each team must have at least one member under the age of 13.

Contest rules:

1. Teams will compete in three heats. Entry number and heat selection will be assigned as entries are received.
2. Each heat will be thirty minutes in length. Ten minute warning will be given. At the end of the 30 minute allotted time, clippers down and work stopped.
3. All Grooming rules of the Oklahoma Youth Expo will be strictly enforced.
4. The animal must be provided by the team, being eligible entry at the 2006 county beef show. The animal must also be owned by one of the team members.
5. Each animal must be completely clean and dry.
6. Students will be judged based upon the following criteria:
  - A. Quality of workmanship
  - B. Teach Skills - Compatibility and Organization
  - C. Compatibility of the use of various types of clippers
7. Exhibits will be evaluated based upon a three judge system. Neatness of individuals and area will be in consideration.

## **SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

### **Species Showmanship Contest**

There will be divisions to be determined by the exhibitor's age as of the day of the county show. The divisions are as follows:

#### **Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats:**

Junior Division: 9 - 12 years of age

Intermediate Division: 13 - 15 years of age

Senior Division: 16 - 18 years of age.