

4-H AND VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

- Eligibility: 4-H club members must have passed their eighth birthday but not have passed their nineteenth birthday by January 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be 4-H members, carrying a project in the field in which they wish to make entry and be under the supervision of the Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension service by June 1 preceding the fair.
- Students enrolled in an accepted vocational school curriculum must be conducting a project in the class in which they wish to make entry. 4-H and FFA members participating in youth contests will be admitted free on the day of the contest if pre-entered.
- *Penn State encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the Extension Educator in advance of your participation.* Requests for accommodations should be made to the Extension Educator at least three weeks in advance of the event.
- 4-H and FFA entries limited to Westmoreland County members.
- All showmanship classes will be shown prior to market and breed classes. **Exhibitors not participating or with an unexcused absence from showmanship WILL be disqualified from their type show, resulting in forfeit of both premiums and awards.**
- Refer to Jr. Livestock Handbook available at the Extension Office.

DAIRY & LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR RULES

1. 4-H and FFA exhibitors showing in both open class and junior classes must pay an entry fee for each division and submit separate entry blanks.
2. Livestock and dairy 4-H/FFA exhibitors must have a completed up-to-date project book for the animal to be shown. Junior show superintendents must have these books checked before any animals are judged.
3. **Animals in breed classes must have registration papers in the exhibitor's name or a lease agreement, as required in each species section. All breeding projects must be owned and identified by June 1 of the current project year. Market livestock must all attend and be identified at designated countywide identification day!**
4. If there is a valid reason that the exhibitor cannot show his/her animal(s) then another member who meets the requirements may show that animal(s); however, this member will not qualify for showmanship contest. Exhibitors not showing their own animals must notify the show superintendent before entering the ring.
5. Exhibitors may show an overweight or underweight animal in showmanship classes only, if they do not have an animal of that species, including breeding project that is eligible. One overweight or underweight animal per exhibitor will remain on the fairgrounds but will not be sold through the Westmoreland Jr. Livestock Sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to remove the animal from the fairgrounds at the closing of the fair.
6. During the Westmoreland Fair project animal grooming of any kind is limited to Westmoreland County 4-H or FFA members with assistance of current Westmoreland County 4-H leaders or FFA advisors, and immediate family. Any exhibitors witnessed violating this policy by a Superintendent, Jr. Livestock Committee member or a Fair board member will be removed from competition in that species following a discussion with violator and said representative.
7. **No artificial hair or material** is to be used to enhance an animal's appearance. No aerosol cans or pressurized containers will be in the makeup area.
8. Unethical or abusive activities are not allowed and will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor from the show and forfeiture of premiums.
9. Junior exhibitors are not permitted to have their animals in barns other than their designated stall area.
10. **Classes with exhibitor's age classifications are ages as of January 1 of the current year.**
11. **Exhibitors should dress appropriately for the species they are exhibiting. Clean, neat apparel in all cases. Dairy exhibitors are required to wear all white for the showmanship contest.**
12. Exhibitors, when provided, must wear designated exhibitor identification i.e., Hat, back number, etc.
13. **The number of lots 4-H and FFA exhibitors are permitted to sell through the Westmoreland Jr. Livestock Sale a limited. Please reference the Jr. Livestock Handbook for further details.**

14. **Important:** Animals consigned for slaughter during or immediately following the show shall not receive any treatment with drugs or biologics within the withdrawal time prior to slaughter. Withdrawal times for drugs and biologics are all stated on the directions for use. Label directions must be followed at all times. If upon slaughter a recent treatment with drugs or biologics is the cause of condemnation of a carcass the loss of the carcass will be borne by the exhibitor. **The Fair Management reserves the right to test any animals for the illegal use of drugs or antibiotics.**
15. Junior market livestock exhibitors are responsible for their animals until **1:00pm Sunday close of the fair.**
16. All animals must be housed in barns only.
17. Over fitting of **ALL LIVESTOCK** is discouraged. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify it from competition.
18. **NOTICE: Do not enter animals that you have no intention of bringing (ex. For tack space) this will lead to loss of premiums.**
19. **All 4-H and FFA members must show their own animals in showmanship.** No substitutes.
20. **All livestock exhibitors are responsible for their own bedding.**
21. For further clarification of these rules, please see the Westmoreland County Junior Livestock Handbook, available at the Westmoreland County Extension Office.

HOME BRED AND COUNTY BRED CLASSES

HOME BRED: The goal of the Homebred class is to recognize 4-H and FFA members who are breeding, raising, and showing their own market livestock. This recognition program is a way of extending acknowledgement to members that put time and effort into a project throughout the entire year by maintaining a breeding animal and then carrying the offspring as a market project.

To be a homebred animal, the mother of the offspring has to be owned by the member or immediate family at the time of the breeding and the birth and rearing of the animal, which resulted in the project. A member must also be carrying a breeding project in that species in order to show a homebred project. All homebred animals will automatically be County Bred.

The homebred project animal does not have to be offspring of the animal used as the youth's breeding project. Carrying a breeding project means that the youth has identified a breeding project and is carrying a record/project book on that animal. **IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT ANIMAL HAS TO SHOW AT THE FAIR!** But the record book on that animal will have to be up to date and present at check-in.

Homebred animals have to be designated at the time of weigh-in or tagging. Any animal not designated at this time will not be acknowledged as a homebred animal. The highest placing homebred animal in each weight class will be brought back into the ring after the selection of champions to compete for Champion and Reserve Homebred. Animals will receive a rosette and will be designated in the program and sale catalog.

COUNTY BRED: The goal of the County Bred class is to encourage and acknowledge 4-H and FFA members to purchase animals which have been bred within Westmoreland County. This will encourage close working relationships between livestock producers in the county and the youth members and organizations.

To be a County Bred animal, the project animal must be bred by a Westmoreland County producer or a family that participates in the youth programs of Westmoreland County. Animals must be bred and born within Westmoreland County. Animals purchased at sales within the county but not produced by a livestock producer from within the county are not eligible.

County Bred animals have to be designated at the time of weigh-ins or tagging, late designations will not be accepted! The following market animals, Steers, Lambs, Hogs, and Goats will use these classifications. For more information on these opportunities please contact the Extension Office. The breeder's name and address must be given at the time of designation. Any animal not designated at this time will not be acknowledged as a County Bred animal. The highest placing County Bred animal in each weight class will be brought back into the ring after the selection of Homebred Champions to compete for Champion and Reserve County Bred.

Animals will receive a rosette and be designated in the program and sale catalog.