

Livestock Minimal Grade Eligibility Guidelines

The Georgia 4-H State Office recommends all Georgia County Extension Offices hosting any livestock or equine exhibitions follow the minimum grade requirements governing the specific specie shows of the Georgia Junior National Livestock Shows (Market Steer, Market Hog, Breeding Ewe, Commercial Dairy Heifer, Breeding Beef Heifer) held in February; State Market Lamb and Market Goat Shows held in October in conjunction with the Georgia National Fair; and the Georgia 4-H State Horse Show held in June.

State Market Hog, Breeding Heifer, Market Steer, and Commercial Dairy Heifer Shows

An exhibitor must be in fourth grade as of September 1 of the current year to show in the program year, which is August 1 through July 31.

State Market Lamb, Market Goat, and Ewe Shows

Pre-club age children may show lambs, goats, and ewes, if they are enrolled in first through third grade by September 1 of the current year to show in the program year, which is August 1 through July 31. *These guidelines are recommended for all market, breeding, and showmanship competitions.*

Grandfathering Clause

4-H'ers who would have been eligible to show livestock in the 2015-2016 4-H year because of their ninth birthday falling before January 1, 2016, will be allowed to show in 2015-2016. This is for the 2015-2016 4-H year only.

State Horse Show

Junior Events - 4-H'ers fourth through eighth grade by September 1 of the current year
Senior Events - 4-H'ers ninth through twelfth grade by September 1 of the current year

In addition, the Georgia 4-H State Office recommends all Georgia County Extension offices follow the guidelines in terms of helmet use and grade eligibility, as provided in the current Georgia 4-H State Rules and Regulations governing equine and livestock shows.

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