

Georgia 4-H and Georgia FFA

Changes to State Show Rules for 2016-2017

General Rules:

1. Exhibitor Eligibility – for Steers, Beef Heifers, Dairy Heifers and Market Hogs, exhibitors must be in the Fourth Grade (4th) on September 1, 2016 and cannot have completed high school. For Sheep and Goats (Breeding and Market), exhibitors must be in the First Grade (1st) on September 1, 2016 and cannot have completed high school.
2. Grievance procedures have been updated. Exhibitors or Agent/Teacher must submit Grievances related to a show by 5:00 P. M. on the Monday following the show. (Protest concerning registration of dairy heifer would be allowed until January 3.) There will be a \$50 fee to file a protest.
3. Plans are being made to harvest champion animals in Market Shows beginning in the 2017 – 2018 show season.
4. A rule was added : *“Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.”*
5. Change to general rule 8 to include: *“Replacing sick, injured or dead animals after the entry deadline is not allowed.”*
6. Add to rule 6 on showmanship: *“Animals cannot be changed between qualifying within a heat to the final drive.”*
7. A statement will be added to entry forms where they are signed by the exhibitor, parent and agent/teacher : *“I/we certify that these animals were in the possession of the exhibitor and tagged with the proper state tags at the time of entry.”*

Schedule of Events –

1. All check-in and shows will occur on the same day of the week as last year.
2. Some rearrangement of schedule times are being worked out.

Dairy Heifer Show

1. Photographs must show a full profile of the animal from the side with the state ear tag visible.
2. Entry deadline Dairy Heifers – November 15 (no change)

Market Hog Show

1. Separate scales will be used for barrows and gilts.
2. Added to rules: *“Ear notches may be checked during the show and hogs with ear notches that do not match entries may be disqualified.”*
3. Entry Deadline Market Hogs – December 5 (no change).

Beef Shows

1. *Entry deadline for beef heifers will be November 1. (new)*
(Registration numbers are due at entry deadline)
Entry Deadline Steers – October 1. (no change)
2. Check in time will be changed from 2:00 – 5:00
3. Changes will be made in the Thursday schedule to avoid showmanship conflicts between beef and swine.
4. New rule: *“Cattle cannot be loaded and/or transported during the show.”*
5. Heifer show will have one ring and one judge.
6. Adding Market heifers was proposed, but addition of a new project was not approved.
7. A rule prohibiting “force filling” will be added.

Goat Shows

1. The Doe show will be an official state show this year.
2. Scrapie tags will be required for all goats in the Doe and Market shows.
3. This year the show will remain on Saturday.
4. Entry Deadline Market Goats – August 1. (no change)
Entry Deadline Does – December 5. (no change)

Sheep

1. Use of DNA tags was proposed by the committee. DNA collection has been done in the past on steers. Based on cost, labor requirements and previous experience, this was not approved.
2. Scrapie tags will be required for all market lambs and ewes.
3. Lambs must stay on the premises during the show. A clarification will be added that this means the barn or the area inside the fence between the barns.
4. Entry Deadline Market Lambs – August 1 (no change)
Entry Deadline Ewes – December 5 (no change)

Health Regulations:

Pending – Changes are expected.