

RULES AND REGULATIONS TYRRELL COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE - 2025

The rules and regulations of the Tyrrell County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale are formulated by the 4-H Livestock Show Committee. The latest revisions were done on January 14, 2025. Those in attendance were: Emilou Spruill, Dee Furlough, Bree Atkinson, Megan Hemilright, Matt Phelps, and Crystal Winslow.

1. The 2025 Tyrrell County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale will be for market hogs of any breed or mixed breeding, market lambs of any breed or mixed breeding, and **meat-type** market goats of any breed or mixed breeding for 4-H members in Tyrrell County.
2. A completed application must be signed (electronically) by the 4-H'er and his/her parent and electronically submitted to the Extension Office by Friday, January 31, 2025. Tyrrell County 4-H'ers who have met the eligibility requirements listed on the application and have returned it to the Extension Office will be eligible to participate in the 2025 4-H Livestock Show and Sale.
3. Participants must be enrolled in 4HOnline and have their profiles updated January 31, 2025. **New for 2025 – Participants will also need to register to participate in the Tyrrell County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale via 4HOnline.**
4. Each 4-H'er participating in the 2025 Tyrrell County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale must meet **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - a. Have attended at least three (3) club meetings (of the same club) **OR**
 - b. Completed one (1) Project Record Book (cannot be in the Animal Science Category) **OR**
 - c. Attended at least three (3) 4-H events approved by the 4-H Agent.
[**Examples include (but are not limited to) workshops hosted by Tyrrell County Cooperative Extension, Teen Retreat, District Activity, Day, etc.]
5. The 2025 Tyrrell County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale will be held **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**.
6. All animals will be judged on confirmation and market conditions.
7. Competitive hogs, market lambs, and market goats may be entered in the Tyrrell County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale by youth 8-18 years old. If there is only one animal in a class, it will be at the judge's discretion as to whether the animal is of Grand Champion quality. Children 5-7 years old, Cloverbuds, may show lambs, goats, or hogs but their animals will not be judged competitively. All ages are determined by the participants' age on January 1, 2025.
8. An exhibitor may enter and show up to two animals of different species.

9. Each Exhibitor assumes all liabilities in the case of sickness, death, or injury to their animal prior to the sale. If an animal dies prior to the show, it will be at the discretion of the 4-H Livestock Show Committee as to whether the exhibitor will be allowed to purchase another animal for show. After the sale, the Livestock Show assumes the responsibility of the animals.
10. Price paid for hogs, lambs, and goats will be negotiated between the 4-H'er and the producer.
11. All hogs must be separated from the herd on/before Sunday, February 9, 2025.
 - a. Weight and feed record should be started when separated from herd. All hogs must have ear tag or notches as form of identification and be free from disease and external parasites. Hogs without proper identification will not be permitted at the show.
 - b. Weight and date of separation from the herd must be recorded in the Extension Office by Monday, February 17, 2025.
 - c. Market hogs MUST weight a minimum of 210 lbs. to participate in the market show. **If they do not weigh a minimum of 210 lbs., they will not be allowed to compete in the market show NOR will they be allowed to be sold at market! They will be returned home with the 4-H'er.**
 - d. Body condition of the animal (not just its weight) may also factor into whether an animal is eligible to go to market. This determination will be at the discretion of the 4-H Livestock Show Committee.
12. All lambs must be in the possession of the 4-H'er on/before Sunday, February 9, 2025.
 - a. All market lambs must be under one (1) year old on the day of the show.
 - b. Lambs must be wethers or ewes (no ram lambs), and should have their tails docked, unless breed standards state otherwise. All lambs must be wormed and receive an enterotoxaemia shot and scrapie tag before leaving the grounds of the seller. Lambs without a scrapie tag will not be permitted at the show.
 - c. Weight and date of separation from the flock must be recorded in the Extension Office by Monday, February 17, 2025.
 - d. Market lambs MUST weight a minimum of 60 lbs. to participate in the market show. **If they do not weigh a minimum of 60 lbs., they will not be allowed to compete in the market show NOR will they be allowed to be sold at market! They will be returned home with the 4-H'er.**
 - e. Body condition of the animal (not just its weight) may also factor into whether an animal is eligible to go to market. This determination will be at the discretion of the 4-H Livestock Show Committee.
13. All goats must be in the possession of the 4-H'er on/before Sunday, February 9, 2025.

- a. All market goats must be a **meat-type** of goat and under one (1) year old on the day of the show. [Dairy goats nor pygmy goats will be allowed].
 - b. Goats must be wethers or does (no bucks). All goats must be wormed and have a scrapie tag before leaving the grounds of the seller. Goats without a scrapie tag will not be permitted at the show.
 - c. Weight and date of separation from the herd must be recorded in the Extension Office by Monday, February 17, 2025.
 - d. Market goats MUST weight a minimum of 45 lbs. to participate in the market show. **If they do not weigh a minimum of 45 lbs., they will not be allowed to compete in the market show NOR will they be allowed to be sold at market! They will be returned home with the 4-H'er.**
 - e. Body condition of the animal (not just its weight) may also factor into whether an animal is eligible to go to market. This determination will be at the discretion of the 4-H Livestock Show Committee.
14. Money to pay for the animal and its feed can be borrowed from several sources, including banks, private individuals, and Farm Services Agency. It is the 4-H'ers responsibility to borrow and pay back money for the animal and feed. If you are interested, please contact the financial institution of your choice as soon as possible.
15. Each animal should have a pen, approximately 10 x 10 foot, with a **sheltered area** and they MUST be separated from commercial livestock. It is acceptable to have multiple 4-H animals, of the same species, in the same pen as long as all animals remain healthy and each 4-H'er shares equal responsibility. Feeding should be done individually. Self-feeders nor self-waterers are allowed.
16. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to manage (feed, water, fit, groom, etc.) their animal. When such activities are carried out by other parties (parents, grandparents, etc.), the animal(s) will be disqualified from the show.
17. All lambs and goats must be halter broken AND sheared or clipped BEFORE arriving on the show grounds. You may bring equipment to prep them for the show, but you will not be allowed to shear or clip them onsite.
18. All youth who wish to participate in the Showmanship Contest at the Tyrrell County 4-H Livestock Show will be required to do **ONE** of the following:
 - a. Attend a county approved showmanship clinic **OR**
 - b. Submit proof of showing at a regional, state, or national show.
19. Showmanship Classes:
 - a. Exhibitors 5-7 years old will be in the Cloverbud (non-competitive) division.
 - b. Exhibitors 8-12 years old will be in the junior division.
 - c. Exhibitors 13-18 years old will be in the senior division.

20. All 4-H'ers participating in the Tyrrell County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. This includes no name calling, cursing, or other unacceptable behavior as determined by the 4-H Agent. A 4-H'er who is reprimanded will not be able to sell their animal during the sale and will relinquish their opportunity to receive any other share of financial support from the sale.
21. All entries will be sold individually (by the head). No animal will be sold higher than the Grand Champion (hog, lamb, or goat).
22. A Livestock Log, including a story and letters of appreciation to the buyer(s) and/or trophy donor(s) **MUST** be turned in before checks can be dispersed. These items should be grammatically correct and neatly written. **All** items are due in the Extension Office on/before Thursday, May 15, 2025. Livestock Logs turned in after this date will be penalized \$5.00 per business day until they are received. [So, 5 business days late = \$25 deduction; 20 business days late = \$100 deduction].
 - a. If a Livestock Log is not received, the child will lose the privilege to participate in the Livestock Show the following year. If this happens more than once, all privileges to participate will be lost.
23. **CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED WHEN ALL MONIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE BUYERS, NOT TO EXCEED JULY 1, 2025.**
 - a. Any money not received from a buyer will be deducted from the participant's check.
24. The weights for each division will be determined the day of the show and they will be based on the weights of the animals present. When permissible, there will be a lightweight, middleweight, and heavyweight division.
25. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded throughout the show. Animals placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their market class will receive a ribbon. Trophies will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion in each species. Trophies will also be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion Showman in each species and in each division (junior and senior). All Cloverbud showmen will receive a complimentary prize for their participation.
26. The first and second place animal in each weight division will be brought back to the ring to compete for Grand and Reserve Champion.
27. The sale order will be: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Senior Showman winners, and Junior Showman winners. The remaining animals will be arranged in the sale order according to their market class placing. Non-Competitive animals will be listed alternately with placed animals. The order for non-competitive animals will be determined by drawing names. The sale order described above will be used for all species. For 2025, the sale order will be goats, hogs, lambs.

28. All 4-H'ers participating in the Tyrrell County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale must calculate the profit (or loss) on their individual animal. Participants will use market price of the animal (on the day of the show), the price they receive at the sale, and what it cost them to raise their animal to compute this figure. This figure should be recorded in their Livestock Log. 4-H'ers should realize that the price paid by the buyers is not a normal market price. This is their way of supporting our show and you as a 4-H'er in your project work.
29. 4-H'ers with animals in the Tyrrell County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale (and their parents) are expected to donate time to the development of this event. This includes setting up the show ring and animal pens and taking them down, assisting with the concession stand, cleaning up after the sale, and any other tasks that need to be performed.
30. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to contact buyers and invite them to the show! It is recommended that you contact businesses that your family personally interacts with from year to year. You may also be asked by the Extension Office to contact a specific business to ensure that our past supporters are invited.
31. Failure to follow any of these rules and regulations can result in disqualification of your animal(s) from the show.