

## BERRIEN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES:

GATES No. 1 & No. 3 will be open at 6:00 a.m. each morning of Fair for those feeding livestock.

1. **Exhibitor must take responsibility to refer to BCYF General Rules, Regulations & Policies of Procedure, BCYF Youth Rules, Department & Class Rules.**
2. All market beef animals to be owned and registered by Feb. 1st, of the current year, at the Fair Office. All market beef animals **MUST** be brought to the Fairgrounds for tagging & weigh-in on specified day.
3. All livestock exhibited, except equine, llamas/alpacas, Dairy and Beef breeding must be owned by the exhibitor, his/her parent or guardian. All livestock exhibited must receive at least 50% of care from the exhibitor since registration. **Exception: Market Rabbits**, 50% of care after Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. All Large Animals must be registered by June 1st.
  - a. Registration of ALL large animals must include Official Identification (See MDA Animal Industry Division Rules [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) or available in the office). Equine - Refer to Equine Dept Rules.
  - b. **Market Animals:**  
**Must put on entry sheet where animal is housed.**  
**SHEEP:** May register a back-up animal for each market entry.  
**SWINE:** May register **one** back-up market animal. Exhibitors are responsible for picking up BCYF ear tags and tagging their own animals. (Pliers available on loan at office).  
**This tag must be in place by July 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. Any tags not used must be returned to the Fair Office.**  
**GOATS:** May register one back-up market animal  
**Checking after July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline may be done by designated committee members of any species department at any time.**
5. All health requirements for animals to be exhibited must be cleared by a BCYF representative before the animals are unloaded. Any livestock cleared through Health Check and meeting all regulations will be allowed to stay on the grounds.
6. **All animal exhibitors** must file an "ANIMAL CERTIFICATION/CARE FORM" for all animals to be shown at the Fair. Form to be filed on Entry Day at the Entry Office. Forms available at the Fair Office.
7. **Health Check** takes place at Gate #3 (Shawnee Rd. entrance). Health slips must be presented to the Supt. of the Dept. on Entry Day and available upon request.
8. The Michigan Department of Agriculture Animal Industry Health Requirements apply, refer to [www.michigan.gov/mdafairreqs](http://www.michigan.gov/mdafairreqs) or available in office. **All Health Requirements stated in this book shall be adhered to unless Federal, State, County, local municipalities or other governing entities issue a more stringent rule after printing of the book.**
9. Exhibitors must house their animals in the place designated by the Dept. Supt. Failure to do so will disqualify the exhibit.
10. All Animal exhibitors are required to assist in final barn clean-up on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> under the direction of the Dept. Supt. at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified by department superintendent. Failure to comply will result in exhibitor's premiums being withheld.
11. All animals shown at the Youth Fair must be properly cared for and cleaned by the exhibitor. This rule to include animals being fed and watered at *least* twice a day and the stable, cages or pens clean at all times. Exhibitors failing to meet the above requirements fall under the 3-Strike Rule.  
**Strike 1:** a yellow sticker will be attached to the exhibitor's pen/stall/cage name card. The exhibitor and their parent/guardian/advisor will then be required to meet with the superintendent to discuss the situation. A form will be provided for appropriate signatures.  
**Strike 2:** A red sticker will be attached ----(see strike 1)  
**Strike 3:** A black sticker will be attached denoting a fine of \$25. If additional infractions occur, the board will determine any further penalty.
12. If a veterinarian, (either the vet. "on call" on the grounds or an outside vet.) is called to administer to an animal, an animal incident report must be completed and signed by the attending veterinarian and Dept. Superintendent or Fair representative.
13. Any individual who is not directly and actively involved in the Berrien County Youth Fair Program is prohibited from helping groom or otherwise prepare the exhibitor's livestock project for show during Fair Week. Leaders of groups or clubs recognized by BCYF, Fair advisors and/or immediate family members are permitted to **ASSIST** the youth as necessary. However, the exhibitor must actively participate in the grooming of the animal as well. Immediate family is: Parent, grandparent, legal guardian and siblings. Any violation or infraction will cause disqualification of the exhibit. Anyone who is a trainer or person acting in the capacity of a trainer, is prohibited from assisting an exhibitor at the Berrien County Youth Fair.
14. Grooming Regulations: Any attempt to change the natural color of animals, either purebred or crossbred, by changing the color of hair, fleece or skin of the animal is not permitted. Coloring agents that do not change the color, but may enhance the appearance, may be used on the legs, tail switch and hooves but in no instance above the animal's flank. Stricter breed specifications will supersede this rule. False switches or tailheads are not permitted. No forced administering of fluids to create gut fill will be allowed. Violation will result in the disqualification of entry and/or exhibitor.  
**Exception:** Equine. False switches or tailheads are permitted. Stricter breed specifications supercede BCYF Equine rules in this area.

15. The BCYF Board of Directors reserves the right to require any exhibit to be subject to examinations and/or tests as prescribed to determine if a substance has been administered to an animal to alter its conformation and/or temperament or if exhibitor rules have been violated. Administering of said substances or rule violation will be considered fraud and deception. Drug testing may be done at any time on any species to "show cause" as directed by the BCYF Board of Directors. MDA guidelines will be used. See Drug Testing Procedures & Penalties – Appendix A on page 82.
16. Manure must be placed in designated area.
17. The same animal may not be registered or exhibited by more than one exhibitor. Exceptions are: (1) Goats- Dam and daughter, and best herd (owned by same family); (2) Dairy - Best three Females (owned by same family); Draft Equine (Driving Team Class only, see Equine Department Rules) and (3) Equine and Llama back-up animals until verification time.
18. To be eligible for Showmanship, exhibitor must enter and show in at least one A, B, C award class.
19. **CLARIFICATION:** After registration deadline, exhibitors are eligible to show only the animals which are registered in their name at the Fair. No animal may be shown by more than one exhibitor. No switching of animals between family members, friends or others is permitted. If your dept. allows two animals to be shown in the same class, the exhibitor showing the second animal **MUST** wear registered exhibitor's back number and be a current year Fair exhibitor in that department. *This ruling applies to ALL animal areas.*  
*Exception: Dogs.*
20. No male animal over one year of age may be exhibited except in Llama, Dog, Cat, Poultry & Rabbit Divisions.
21. Championships may or may not be awarded in classes, at the discretion of the judges.
22. Dogs, cats and pocket pets are only allowed on the Fair grounds on the day they are being shown and are restricted to their show area.
23. An exhibitor may be disqualified if, in the opinion of the judge, supt. or chairman, the exhibit or exhibitor constitutes a hazard to the safety and well being of the exhibitor, animal, or other competitors, their animals, spectators or others.

### **2011 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITED IN MICHIGAN**

The Berrien County Youth Fair is operated in accordance with all Health requirements for Livestock exhibited in Michigan as set forth in the Michigan Department of Agriculture Animal Industry Division Rules as revised January, 2011. See [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) or available in fair office.

### **DRUG TESTING PROCEDURE & PENALTIES**

State of Michigan Testing will be done by an "at random" selection process or at any time a "for cause" situation arises. Any and all species will be subject to the "at random" test. See page 82.

<h2 style="margin: 0;"><b>ANIMAL AUCTION SALES AND GENERAL RULES</b></h2>
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1. Animals that are not well-finished will not be sold through the auction sale.
2. All animals sold in order of their placing.
3. It is the responsibility of an exhibitor to get his/her animal(s) to sale ring.
4. **NO RE-SALE PERMITTED THRU AUCTION**
5. Buyers must pay for animals purchased on day of the auction.
6. All exhibitors must post "Thank You's to Buyers" within one hour following end of individual species sale. Premiums may be withheld if this rule is not followed.
7. The animal exhibitor must properly care for the animal sold at the auction for the remainder of Fair. Failure to comply will cause the exhibitor's premium to be withheld by the BCYF and the cost of such care will be deducted from the selling price.
8. Exhibitor will be paid for Auction animals sold through the Auction by check within 30 days after close of Fair.
9. Five (5) percent of the price paid by the buyer for each animal, plus the cost of two (2) pictures (1 for buyer and 1 for exhibitor), will be withheld by the Fair Board to cover advertising and bookkeeping expenses of the auction as suggested by the exhibitors.
  1. Buyers to state at auction who will pick up animals.
11. It is a violation of both federal and state laws to sell an animal that may enter the food chain that has any residues or alterations present such as: antibiotics, growth promoters, growth stimulants, tranquilizers and other animal health products. It is the responsibility of the individual who is selling the animal to assure there are no residues.

### **LARGE ANIMAL AUCTION FRIDAY OF FAIR (In the Show Arena)**

**9:00 a.m. Sheep and Goat Auction,  
Quart of Goat Milk**

**12:00 p.m. Gallon of Milk**

**12:00 p.m. Beef Auction**

**2:00 p.m. Swine Auction**

All general auction rules apply as well as the following:

- A. All animals weighed, shown and judged fit for sale must be sold at the auction sale except market steers, sheep and goats. Exhibitor has the option not to auction off an animal if it is not a champion or res. champion of a breed class. **THE SUPT OF THAT BREED SHOULD BE NOTIFIED WITHIN ONE (1) HOUR** of the conclusion of the show as to the exhibitor's decision.
- B. Exhibitors may have only one (1) auction animal per species.
- C. The exhibitor must declare which animal is to be sold one (1) hour after the conclusion of individual species shows. If no declaration is made, the highest placing animal will go to auction (in event of tie placings, the

heaviest animal will go). The exhibitor must notify the Supt. within one (1) hour after the Auction as to the destination of the 2nd animal, **Exception: SWINE - see swine department rules.**

- D. There will be no final destination changes after **Noon on Saturday** of fair for any market animal.
- E. All animals sold must be properly identified. Beef animals must be tied with a substantial halter, preferably a rope halter, and checked out by the buyer. Exhibitor must identify halter with a tag available from Dept. Supt.
- F. All Swine removed from the Fairgrounds should be moved directly to a livestock auction or slaughter facility premises by an approved swine hauler.

**SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION  
THURSDAY OF FAIR  
(Between Buildings 10 & 11)  
RABBITS AND POULTRY 9:30 a.m.**

- All general auction rules apply as well as the following:**
- A. **Poultry and rabbits not shown on show day cannot be sold in the sale.**
  - B. In poultry and rabbit market classes, ALL "A" award animals **MUST** be sold, including Grand and Reserve Champions. All others not eligible.
  - C. Rabbits will be auctioned first followed by Poultry. Departments alternate show time each year.
  - D. All POULTRY and RABBITS must be removed by 9:00 a.m. on Sunday of Fair.