

**2024 MARIPOSA COUNTY FAIR & HOMECOMING**  
**JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT**  
**INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR PROGRAM**  
**(ALL SPECIES)**

Welcome to the Mariposa Fair Junior Livestock Independent Exhibitor Program. Included here are your required forms and record book forms for 2024. Please make sure that you read the State and Local rules for the Mariposa Fair & Homecoming. **These requirements are for ALL Independent Exhibitors in the Junior Livestock Department at the 2024 Mariposa Fair.**

QUALIFICATIONS FROM LOCAL RULES

Livestock classes are open to members of 4-H clubs and FFA chapters located in Mariposa County. Independent Exhibitors must be residents of Mariposa County and/or Students of Mariposa School District.

QUALIFICATIONS FROM STATE RULES

VII, Exhibitor Age Requirements 4 - Independent exhibitors must be at least 9 years old by January 1, 2024 to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse, Alpaca & Llama) competitions at California Fairs. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Youth may be ineligible to participate as Independent if documented disciplinary action involving their project(s) has been taken against them by 4-H, FFA or Grange organizations. Length of ineligibility to be determined by Fair Management.

VII Exhibit Eligibility 5 – Juniors who have been 4-H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent exhibitors or enter project(s) under a different organization.

VII Exhibit Eligibility 6 - All junior exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available as to the length of the project.

VII Exhibit Eligibility 7 - Independent junior exhibitors entering market animals must provide Fair Management with a picture of their animal, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent tag, tattoo and/or hog ear notch information 120 days prior to the fair for beef and 60 days prior to the fair for sheep, swine, and goats.

VII Exhibit Eligibility 8 - All junior exhibitors must have “on ground” supervision by a responsible adult.

Requirements for eligible Independent Exhibitors are as follows:

- Must turn in Independent Application, signed by both exhibitor and parent no later than:
  - Beef: May 2, 2024
  - Swine, Sheep and Goats: July 1, 2024
  - Rabbits and Poultry: July 31, 2024
- Must submit a copy of birth certificate for exhibitor with the Independent Application if this is the first time showing.
- Copy of bill of sale and a front, right side, left side and rear picture of the animal **with the exhibitor** must be included with the Independent application. Picture must be colored and show any ear tag numbers and/or ear notching.
- All exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals ([www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org)) program online prior to the fair entry deadline of August 3, 2024. If completing in a classroom environment, the exhibitor must still present a copy of the certificate.
- Fill out and submit Mariposa Fair & Homecoming Livestock entry forms (either via online entries (if available) or handwritten forms), along with the appropriate payment(s), by the entry deadline of **August 3, 2024 at 5:00 PM.**
- Independent exhibitors are required to purchase liability insurance coverage through the Fair Office at the time of fair entry. The fee is **\$5.00 per exhibitor** regardless of species exhibited or the number of entries. If multiple entry forms are submitted, the insurance fee is only paid once.
- Exhibitors shall be supervised **AT ALL TIMES** while caring for or showing their animal(s) at the Fair by a parent or guardian. Independent exhibitors will be solely responsible for the feeding, care and cleaning of pens for their own exhibits.
- Independent exhibitors are required to attend a meeting set by the Fair with their parent or guardian in attendance. The time and location will be announced after the close of entries. (Should be August 13, 2024 but check with the fair office at time of entry). Independent exhibitors are expected to abide by rules as set forth by the Fair concerning all Livestock exhibitors. Independent exhibitors should be familiar with State and Local rules for the Mariposa Fair & Homecoming, as well as the rules for the Junior Livestock Auction.

**2024 Mariposa Fair & Homecoming**  
**INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR APPLICATION**

Note: This is NOT YOUR ENTRY FORM

NAME OF EXHIBITOR: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (AS OF JANUARY 1): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

**Species exhibiting at the Fair:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef (must own for 120 days)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sheep (must own for 60 days)

\_\_\_\_\_ Swine (must own for 60 days)

\_\_\_\_\_ Goat (must own for 60 days)

\_\_\_\_\_ Rabbit (must own for 30 days)

\_\_\_\_\_ Poultry (must own for 30 days)

\_\_\_\_\_  
EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

# EXHIBITOR/PARENT/FAIR AGREEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE 2023 Mariposa Fair & Homecoming. I agree to abide by all guidelines, local and state rules that govern the Mariposa Fair & Homecoming.

Livestock Department Independent Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age (by 1/1/24) and must not be older than 19 years of age. Exhibitors in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades will show in 4-H classes and exhibitors in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades will show in FFA classes.

**Ownership Requirements:** Independent exhibitors must meet all ownership requirements.

**Parent/Guardian Signature** is a requirement by the fair to certify that: Projects have been under their direct supervision in accordance with the rules and regulations of the fair; and the entry is the project of the exhibitor and is eligible for exhibit. Failure or refusal of parent/guardian to sign the required entry form will disqualify the entry.

**Leaving an Organization:** Juniors who have been a 4-H or FFA member within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the fair are **not eligible** to compete in that project as an independent exhibitor.

**Record Book:** All independent exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available for the length of the project. Record books must be submitted to the Livestock Superintendent at check-in of your animal(s).

**Pictures and Bill of Sale:** Independent exhibitors entering market animals must provide Fair Management a front picture of the animal, right side, left side and a rear picture of each animal being exhibited. The Exhibitor needs to be in the pictures with their animal and all pictures must be in color, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent ear tag, tattoo and/or hog ear notch information 120 days to the fair for beef; 60 days for sheep, swine and goats; 30 days for poultry and rabbit.

**On grounds Supervision:** All independent exhibitors are solely responsible for the feeding, care and cleaning of pens of their own exhibits. All animals must be fed and watered in a timely manner, in accordance with the Livestock Rules.

**I have personally read and understand the above terms and agree to abide by them.**

Exhibitor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_