

MANHEIM FARM SHOW LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

NEW: Any changes to the 2027 Manheim Farm Show 4-H and FFA youth livestock sale eligibility and sale numbers will be announced on Nov 1, 2026. Information will be shared via email and on our Manheim Farm Show social media and website. 4-H leaders and FFA Advisors will also be notified.

I. GENERAL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

To contribute to a successful Farm Show, ALL livestock exhibitors are requested to sign up for volunteer shift(s). Use the Sign-Up Genius app to volunteer on the “Barn Crew”.

Stalls and pens will be set up and bedded on the Monday evening before Farm Show.

It is mandatory for all swine pens to be cleaned out and bedded on Wednesday.

Additional dry shaving and mulch will be available during the week to keep pens dry.

Good housekeeping in the barns and grounds is essential in providing a safe and inviting experience for our visitors and fellow livestock exhibitors and their families.

Livestock exhibitors and their stall areas will be observed during the week to select a Good Housekeeping recipient for each species based on:

*Animal areas clean and safe *Educate the public about the livestock being exhibited. * Promote the agriculture and livestock industry

- All decisions on rules will be made by the livestock committee and the decisions will be final.
- Animals showing sign of illness at entry or during the Farm Show will be dealt with on an individual basis in accordance with the Show Ring Code of Ethics and in consultation with our Farm Show veterinarian if necessary. Our Manheim Farm Show designated veterinarian is Dr. Cindy Faulk.
- Please see **Livestock Chart** on page 32 for summary of all dates and entry information.
- Please read the animal department pages for guidelines and requirements specific to each species.
- All exhibitors must be present when animals are shown and sold unless prior permission is granted.
- To be eligible to show & sell the **exact weight requirement** listed for your species must be met.

The new PDA updated VCPR form
For rabbits is posted in the Showman App

Livestock entries accepted
ONLY thru the
Showman App Starting Aug 10th
Deadline: Sept. 10, 2026

II. YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY & SALE QUOTAS

1. Eligibility Youth 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale Animals:

Youth exhibitors must maintain an approved current year 4-H/FFA project book and the current year project(s) will be verified to the Manheim Farm Show by their respective FFA advisor or 4-H leader.

A youth who is a 2026 member in good standing of a Lancaster County 4-H livestock club for their species being shown or Lancaster County High School Ag-Ed Program/FFA chapter AND resides or attends school in the Manheim Central, Donegal, Hempfield, Elizabethtown, Manheim Township, or Warwick School Districts is eligible to compete.

2. A three (3) percent sale price deduction will be made on all selling livestock exhibits.

This deduction will be used for advertising, equipment and buyer appreciations costs.

3. 2026 Youth Livestock Sale Animal Quotas

“BIG SPECIES”: Dairy, Dairy Beef, and Beef “SMALL SPECIES”: Lambs, Goats, Hog and Rabbit Pen

A. ONE dairy beef steer OR ONE market beef “big” to show and sell.

B. Up to THREE TOTAL “smalls” in addition to showing and selling a “big”:

Goat, lamb, hog, rabbit pen quota: maximum of TWO in any goat, lamb, hog species or ONE rabbit meat pen .

C. IF an exhibitor is not showing and selling a “big” beef or dairy beef they may show and sell

FOUR TOTAL “smalls” with a maximum of TWO per species or ONE rabbit meat pen

D. Youth Dairy Cattle are not included in the maximum number of animals to be shown and sold.

E. Youth Rabbit Market Pens

Each exhibitor is allowed a single meat pen and it counts as part of the exhibitor limit on “small” species.

For an exhibitor to show and sell a meat pen, they MUST be a member in good-standing of the Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit Club or their school’s FFA chapter to be sold at the Youth Livestock Auction.

A Meat Pen consists of three rabbits of the same breed, weighing between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds each, and not older than 70 days/10 weeks in age.

Meat pen rabbits must be born on exhibitors’ property on or after July 27th, 2026.

All meat pens will be sold at the livestock auction on Friday, October 9th.

BREEDING LIVESTOCK

Sheep and Beef: The same youth eligibility requirement as sheep and beef market livestock.

The Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries if space becomes limited.

Rabbits and Cavies (Guinea Pigs)

Youth exhibitors must reside or attend school in Manheim Central, Donegal, Hempfield, Elizabethtown, Manheim Township, or Warwick School Districts to be eligible to compete in Rabbit Breeding classes.

Dairy Cattle:

1. The Dairy Show will be open to any youth showmen from Lancaster and Lebanon counties, but must prove active membership through an FFA chapter or 4-H Dairy Club.
Dairy exhibitors are required to have a current Youth Livestock Health Quality Assurance training certificate.
2. All eligible youth showmen, regardless of where they live, will be eligible for the "Youth Milk Sale".
3. There will be three milk sale individuals: Supreme Champ, Reserve Supreme, and Honorable Mention.

III. 2026 REQUIRED LIVESTOCK HEALTH INFORMATION

PA Department Of Agriculture 2026 ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL EXHIBITION

AS OF PRINTING TIME THESE ARE THE LIVESTOCK HEALTH RULES. THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

On Site Livestock Inspection

Livestock presented for exhibition will be subject to inspection by show officials at entry and during Farm Show week. Livestock will be rejected if evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease is apparent or if health certifications or identification documentation or tagging is not acceptable.

REQUIRED VCPR & CVI Livestock Exhibition Form Information

The updated Jan 2026 VCPR form is posted on the Manheim Farm Show Showman app and PDA website.

NEW 2026: Rabbits are required to have a completed veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR) form.

2. The **Certification of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)**: The (CVI) must be issued within 30 days prior to the opening date of the Manheim Farm Show: **Dated Sept 5, 2026 or after.**

CVI must include: (a) a statement that all animals are free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases, (b) *state destination as Manheim Farm Show* and (c) list *only one species on each exhibitor/family CVI*.

The CVI for all livestock (cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, rabbits, and other animals on exhibit) must be **PRINTED, SIGNED and PRESENTED** to Manheim Farm Show livestock officials prior to unloading and penning of livestock.

The entire RFID ear tag number must be included on the CVI and included in the Showman app online entry.

2026 Sheep and Goat Health Exhibition Requirements from PDA

1. See the CVI requirement above
2. Individual official animal identification is required for all sheep and goats.

Identification used for sheep and goats must be permanently affixed to the individual animal.

Official ID includes any of the following:

- (a) A USDA ear tag with a US shield; which includes scrapie program tags, or
- (b) A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database, or
- (c) A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.

2026 Swine Health Exhibition Requirements from PDA

1. See the CVI requirement above.
2. Official identification is required for all swine and must be a 15-digit (AIN) ear tag starting with "840".
The entire RFID number must appear on the CVI and be entered in the Showman App.

All market swine MUST move directly to a PDA or USDA licensed processing facility

OR a slaughter-only market DIRECTLY from the fairgrounds/exhibition property. *Absolutely No Market Swine May Go Home.*

2026 All Cattle Health Exhibition Requirements from PDA

1. See the CVI requirement above
2. Official identification is required for all cattle includes any of the following:
(a) An official 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with "840", or
(b) A USDA issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag if applied prior to Nov. 5, 2024.
(c) Brands registered with a recognized brand inspection authority and accompanied by an official brand inspection certificate, or
(d) Tattoos and other identification methods acceptable to a breed association for registration purposes, accompanied by a breed registration certificate.

2026 Rabbit Health Exhibition Requirements from PDA

1. See the CVI requirement above
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases
3. Manheim Farm Show Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Attestation Form

IV. ENTERING PROCEDURES

1. ONLINE SHOWMAN APP INFORMATION

ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES must be entered through the Showman App

Entries must be completed by September 10, 2026. • NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

See Manheim Farm Show website/Facebook page for the 2026 Manheim Farm Show Showmen App link.

- The exact and full RFID ear tag number must be on the **CVI and entered in the Showmen App.**
- Clean-Up Fee payment will be collected through the Showman App
- Show Ring Code of Ethics & Photo Release Forms need to read and acknowledged in the Showman App by parents and exhibitors as a part of the online entry.

2. FARM SHOW GROUNDS ENTRY & PARKING

Please refer to **Livestock Exhibition Information Chart on page 32** for specific times species can be entered.

All livestock exhibitors will be directed to enter the Farm Show grounds via Farm Show Lane Sunday evening.

One vehicle at a time will stop at the tent.

Swine exhibitors should not get in the Adel Ave vehicle entry line in front of the High School until 6:45 pm

Exhibitors should have the following forms ready to hand in upon arrival at the check in:

2026 PDA Required Health Form Requirements At Check In:

A. Certification of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

For additional information see the CVI and VCPR form requirements above

Rabbits ONLY: Manheim Farm Show Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Attestation Form and VCPR

Parking will be limited. Each family will receive two Livestock Parking Passes for Fahnestock Field with Plan B in case of rain.

No livestock exhibitor vehicles are allowed to park in the creek side gravel lot or around the buildings.

V. PDA BIOSECURITY:

The PA Department of Agriculture **strongly recommends** that animals returning home from exhibitions be isolated from other members of the herd or flock for a minimum of three weeks to help prevent the spread of disease and recommends that exhibitors of all animals discuss the health of their animals with a veterinarian on a regular basis.

VI. FARM SHOW GROUNDS

The Farm Show management will take every precaution in its power for the safe preservation of stock and articles on exhibition after their arrival on the grounds. However, management will not be held responsible for any damage or accidents that may occur during the week. Any person(s) found stealing, damaging or injuring exhibits will be dealt with according to the law.

Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury, or damage done or arising from any animals exhibited by him or her if such negligence is on his or her part. Any individual, spectator or patron handling animals without the consent of the owner is liable for all damage or injury done to themselves or animals.

No youth exhibitors or non-exhibitors will be permitted to stay overnight on the Farm Show grounds. Dairy exhibitors who will be preparing and caring for dairy cattle overnight must be accompanied by a parent or a parent authorized adult.

Tobacco use by any youth exhibitors (regardless of legal age to purchase tobacco) on Farm Show grounds is PROHIBITED! Any exhibitor who is found breaking this rule will forfeit all premiums. Repeated offenses will be handled on an individual basis by the livestock committee.