

*53rd District Agricultural Association presents the  
73<sup>rd</sup> Annual*

**DESERT EMPIRE FAIR  
Jr. Livestock Show & Auction**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



*The Desert Empire Fair Junior Livestock Committee  
welcomes you to our annual show and auction!*

*Reminder!!!*

*Please read the enclosed Desert Empire Fair local fair rules and the CA State rules for Fairs and Expositions prior to submitting your entry forms.*

*If you have additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.*

*Livestock Chairman: Kalie Keenan*

*Phone #: (760) 608-4903 (evenings)*

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7:00 am – 2:00 pm  
1:00 pm  
1:30 pm  
5:00 pm  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Exhibitor Check-In / Pen Assignment  
Market Calves Weigh-In  
Market Beef Weigh-In  
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting  
Market Lamb, Goat, Swine Weigh-In (scale area)

Livestock Barn # 6  
Livestock Barn # 5  
Livestock Barn # 5  
Boyle Show Arena  
Livestock Barn # 5

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8:00 am  
9:00 am  
10:30 am  
1:30 pm  
2:30 pm  
3:00 pm  
3:30 pm

Goat Show (Dairy, Nigerian & Pygmy)  
Prospect Market Goats / Market Goat  
Feeder Lambs / Market Lambs  
Breeding Sheep  
Boer Breeding Does  
Breeding Swine  
Feeder Swine / Market Swine

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8:00 am  
9:30 am  
10:30 am  
11:30 am  
12:30 pm

Market Calves / Market Beef  
Beef Showmanship  
Market Goat Showmanship  
Sheep Showmanship  
Swine Showmanship

Boyle Show Arena  
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8:00 am  
11:15 am  
1:00 pm  
2:45 pm  
3:00 pm

Master Showmanship (Primary, Jr. & Sr.)  
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting  
Buyer's Registration & Luncheon  
50-50 Raffle / 2023 Top Buyer Recognition  
Junior Livestock Auction

Boyle Show Arena  
Boyle Show Arena  
Livestock Office  
Boyle Show Arena  
Boyle Show Arena

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8:00 am

Livestock Check out

Livestock Barn #6

# **Desert Empire Fairgrounds & Event Center 520 S. Richmond Ridgecrest, CA93555 (760) 375-8000**

## **Directions:**

From Lancaster / Palmdale:

- 1) North on Hwy 14
- 2) East on Hwy 178 (towards Ridgecrest/Inyokern)
- 3) Travel appx. 10 miles on Hwy 178 (Inyokern Rd)
- 4) Turn right onto China Lake Blvd. (south)
- 5) Travel appx. 3 miles on China Lake (south)
- 6) Turn left onto Ridgecrest Blvd (Hwy 178 E)
- 7) Turn right onto Richmond Road
- 8) Pass the main fairground entrance and turn left at the Livestock entrance sign.

From Bakersfield:

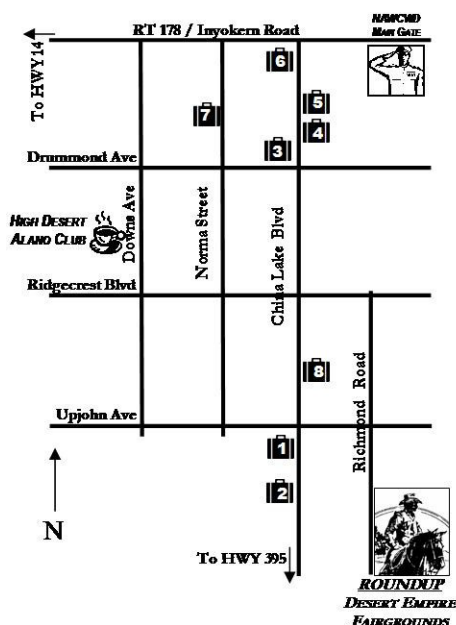
- 1) Take Hwy 58 east to Hwy 14
- 2) North on Hwy 14
- 3) East on Hwy 178 (towards Ridgecrest/Inyokern)
- 4) Travel appx. 10 miles on Hwy 178 (Inyokern Rd)
- 5) Turn right onto China Lake Blvd. (south)
- 6) Travel appx. 3 miles on China Lake (south)
- 7) Turn left onto Ridgecrest Blvd (Hwy 178 E)
- 8) Turn right onto Richmond Road
- 9) Pass the main fairground entrance and turn left at the Livestock entrance sign.

From Apple Valley/Barstow:

- 1) Take Hwy 395 north
- 2) Turn on the China Lake Blvd exit (towards Ridgecrest)
- 3) Take China Lake Blvd north appx. 3-4 miles
- 4) Turn right on Ridgecrest Blvd. (Hwy 178 east)
- 5) Turn right onto Richmond Road
- 6) Pass the main fairground entrance and turn left at the Livestock entrance sign.

**RV PARK INFORMATION: Please call the fair office @ (760) 375-8000**

**MOTEL Information:**



### Ridgecrest Motel Directory

**QUALITY INN ①**  
507 S. China Lake Blvd.  
760/375-9731

**Carriage Inn ③**  
901 N. China Lake Blvd.  
760/446-7910

**Hampton Inn ⑤**  
104 E. Sydnor Ave.  
760/446-1968

**Econo Lodge ⑥**  
201 Inyokern Road  
760/446-2551

**Springhill Suites ④**  
113 E. Sydnor Ave.  
760/446-1630

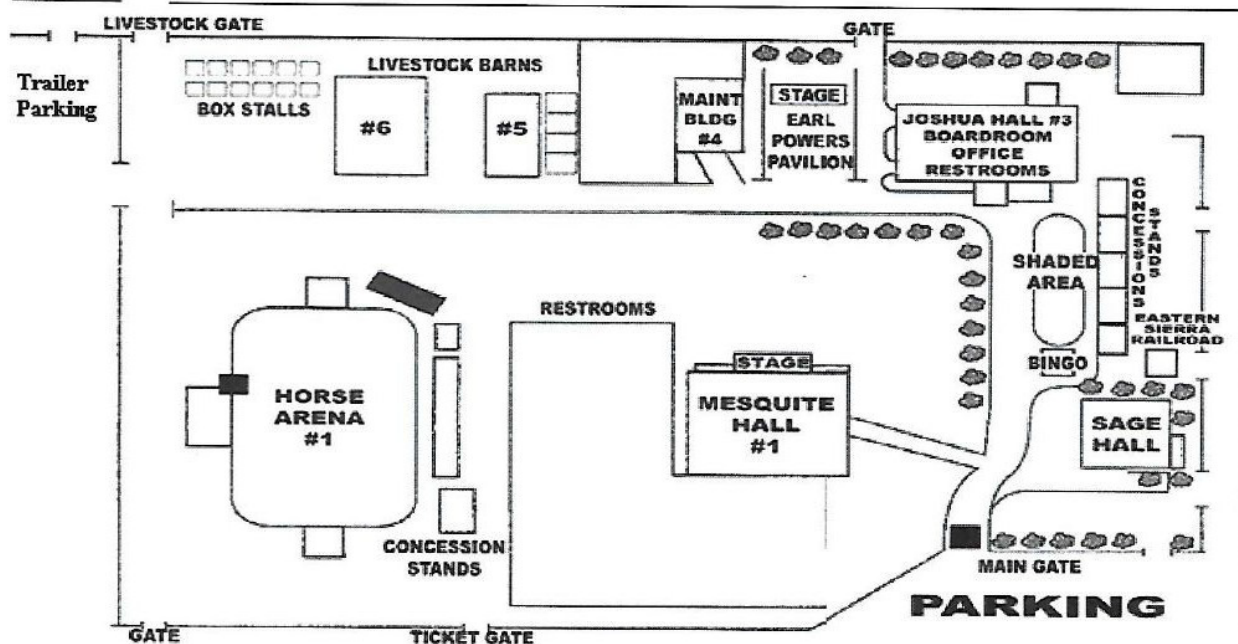
**Heritage Inn ⑦**  
1050 N. Norma St.  
760/446-6543

**Best Western**  
**China Lake Inn ⑧**  
400 S. China Lake Blvd.  
760/371-2300

**Motel 6 ②**  
535 S. China Lake Blvd.  
760/375-6866

**RV Park On Site**  
Call 760/375-8000  
for reservations

## **DESERT EMPIRE FAIRGROUNDS**



# YQCA REQUIREMENT

In order to participate in a youth livestock program (excluding horse, cavies & dogs) at any California Fair, all exhibitors 9 years of age and older must obtain annual certification in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. Those not certified are not eligible to participate at a California Fair.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), to meet this new state requirement. Agricultural universities as well as partners in the agriculture industry designed this program. By the end of 2018 over 50,000 youth across the nation will have taken a YQCA course. YQCA courses are age and level specific which allow for changing content each year. The program is offered online at [yqca.org](http://yqca.org). All registration, fees, and certification are managed through YQCA.

## **The YQCA program has many benefits to exhibitors:**

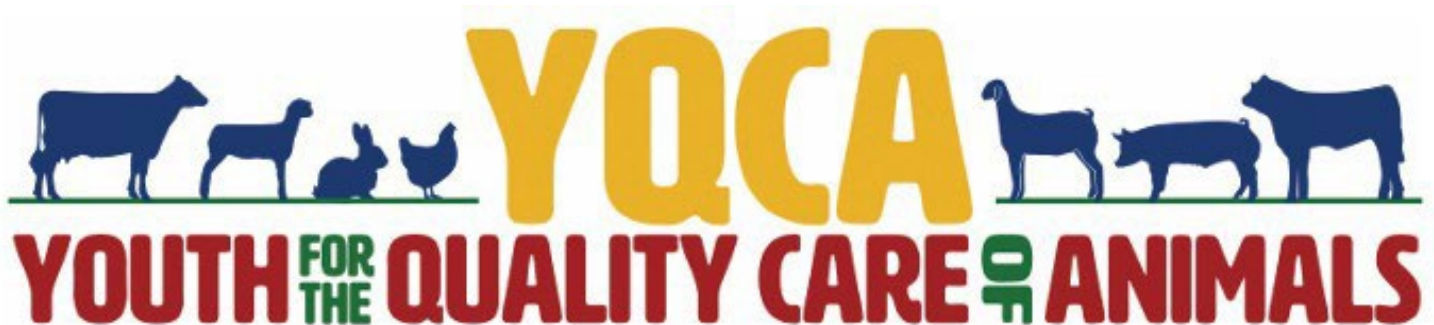
- Increase the educational preparedness of exhibitors.
- Adds another layer of quality assurance to improve sportsmanship, animal wellbeing and food safety for animal purchasers.
- Helps demonstrate our commitment to the educational development of exhibitors.
- Provides a nationally available program that any youth exhibitor can access.

This program is becoming nationally recognized so by adopting this program it also allows exhibitors to use this certification for showing at other fairs besides Kern County Fair.

Upon completion of the training; exhibitors will receive a certificate with a unique certification number. Exhibitors will need to upload their certificate with their entries. Show managers will be able to utilize the public interface through YQCA to verify the exhibitors certificate number that will be asked for during entries.

**All exhibitors' ages 9 and older (excluding horse, cavies and dogs) must have completed the YQCA certification by the close of entries for their given species.**

**Without a current YQCA certificate number through fair dates you will not be able to complete your entry and thus will be ineligible to show at the fair.**





# LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT LOCAL RULES

The Desert Empire Fair (DEF) Junior Livestock Department follows the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Fairs and Expositions 2025 State Rules for Fairs. Please make sure you read and understand these rules. These rules, local rules and all entry forms can be downloaded and printed from the fair website: [www.desertempirefair.org](http://www.desertempirefair.org)

**All exhibitors must complete YQCA training and submit their completion certificate with their entry forms. For information: [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org)**

1. By submitting an entry form for any class in the DEF - Jr. Livestock Show you agree that you have read and will abide by the CA State Rules for Fairs, as well as the DEF – Jr. Livestock Show & Auction 'local' rules.
2. **Entries close on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.** All entries postmarked after August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, are considered late and must include a \$30 late fee. **ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.**
3. There is a \$35.00 fee that will be assessed to all returned checks. Any entry fees due, resulting from returned checks, plus the \$35.00 returned check fee MUST be paid by cash, cashier's check or money order prior to Day 1 of the Junior Livestock Show and Auction, if not paid in full the exhibitor will be disqualified from the show and auction for that specific year.
4. Refunds of any kind will be granted only upon approval of the Livestock Committee and must be made in writing to the Fair. Refunds will only be made due to sickness, accident, death, cancellation of a class, or lack of exhibit space. Refund requests must be made prior to the event. Per CDFA State rules refund requests involving health or soundness of an animal must be accompanied by a veterinarian's certificate. Refunds are subject to a reasonable processing fee to cover livestock administrative costs incurred for entry.
5. **All exhibitors and attendees are required to purchase a fair entry pass for \$15.00 per person, which allows entry into the fair area of the facility for the duration of the entire fair. Passes will be available to family members only for a price of \$20.00 each and must be purchased at the time exhibitor submits entry forms. No discount passes will be available at the time of fair.**
6. **Market Divisions are open to residents of Kern, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Inyo counties only.**
7. **Exhibitors are limited to showing two (2) Market animals per specie.**
8. Entries will be limited to available space. Entries received after pen space is filled will be returned. **Beef entries are extremely limited and accepted on a first come basis by received entry form.**
9. Shavings for pens will be available for purchase at fair. Please request and purchase during check in.
10. **Original ownership/registration papers must be presented to the Livestock Office upon arrival and must be available at all times.**
11. **Exhibitors must present identification upon check-in. (Birth Certificate, School Id, Driver's license or CA ID are all acceptable)**
12. Market animals must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor for 60 days for Sheep, Swine, and Goats, and 120 days for beef, prior to the opening day of fair. **Market Swine exhibitors MUST provide their Prop 12 Breeder Certificate.**

### 13. Exhibitor Age Requirements:

- **FFA:** members may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school.
- **4-H: Members** have age specific requirements.
- **PRIMARY 4-H MEMBERS:** Must be 5 years old as of January 1, 2024. PRIMARY MEMBERS are not eligible to show large livestock at this fair; Primary members are allowed to show Rabbits, Cavies, and Nigerian Dwarf goats, and Pygmy Goats.
- **4-H: JUNIOR & SENIOR MEMBERS:** Junior 4-H members must be 9 years old on or before December 31, 2024. Senior 4-H members may exhibit until the end of the calendar year in which they reach 19.
- 4-H members showing large livestock must be at least 9 years old on or before December 31, 2024, and must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project through their local club by July 1, 2025.
- **GRANGE MEMBERS** are eligible to exhibit as members if they are at least 5 years of age by January 1, 2025, until the end of the calendar year in which the member reaches age 19. (exception: Large animals). Grange members will show in the appropriate 4-H class.
- **INDEPENDENT YOUTH EXHIBITORS** may enter any youth class. For Pygmy or Nigerian Dwarf Goat classes the exhibitor must be at least 5 years old by January 1, 2025. For all other livestock departments, exhibitor must be at least 9 years of age as of January 1, 2025. Independent youth may exhibit until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 19.  
\*\*\*Independent Youth must submit proof of age. \*\*\*  
\*Independent Youth will show all livestock in the age appropriate 4-H class. \*

14. Independent Exhibitors entering market animals **MUST** submit to the fair office proof of ownership, permanent tag, tattoo, tag # no later than 120 days prior to fair for beef, 60 days prior to fair for sheep, swine and goats, and 30 days prior for rabbits. DEF does not back date their entry form due dates to cover this state requirement, therefore proof needs to be sent to the DEF fair office to meet the various ownership timelines ~ See Independent Guidelines.
15. Exhibitors are expected to groom and care for their animals(s) when at the fair. They shall refrain from accepting active assistance from adults and non-exhibiting youth unless the junior exhibitor is actively engaged, and the assistance is only for instruction.
16. Any animals showing signs of disease, parasites, or fungus must be removed from the fairgrounds. The final decision to remove an animal will be the responsibility of the Livestock Chairman.
17. If any animal is receiving any type of medication, you must inform the Livestock Chairman. Any Market animal receiving medication that the Livestock Chairman is not aware of will be disqualified from the Show & Auction.
18. All Market Lambs and Market Goats must be identified with a USDA APHIS Scrapie tag. Scrapie tag number must be identified on the entry form. Dairy, Nigerian, and Pygmy goats must be tattooed or microchipped to match their registration paperwork.
19. **Exhibitors are required to leave existing ear tags currently in the animal in the animal. DO NOT REMOVE EAR TAGS.**
20. Premiums will only be paid on breeding animals and showmanship. NO premiums will be paid for market classes.



21. **All market animals will be weighed on the official Desert Empire Fair scale. No private scales are allowed on the fairgrounds. \*\*Animals may only be weighed once. Reweighs may be requested while the animal is still in the scale area. NO reweighs will be allowed once the animal has been removed from the scale area. Beef animals will be weighed on Wednesday afternoon of fair on the DEF-Jr. Livestock official scale only. All Beef animals must check in by 12:00 PM on Wednesday and provide their Brand Inspection prior to unloading. Weigh-In starts @ 1:00 PM on Wednesday.**
22. **WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS:**  
**Market Beef: 1000-1450 lbs.**  
**Market Calves: 130-300 lbs.**  
**Market Lambs: 100-150 lbs.**  
**Market Swine: 210-280 lbs.**  
**Market Goats: 60-125 lbs.**
23. Exhibitors must show their own animal. In the event the exhibitor is unable to exhibit their own animal, they must inform the Livestock Chairman who will make the final decision on whether the exhibitor may have someone else show their animal in the respective breeding or market class.
24. Exhibitors must show their own animal in Showmanship classes. NO EXCEPTIONS.
25. Breeding classes (Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goats, Pygmy Goats) may be cancelled or combined, at the discretion of the Livestock Chairman for the purposes of competition.
26. **Master Showmanship Judging:** Primary exhibitors who place 1st in any showmanship class will be eligible to compete by demonstrating their showmanship skills in small animal classes. Junior and Senior exhibitors who place 1st in any showmanship class will be eligible to compete by demonstrating their showmanship skills in various livestock classes. If an exhibitor places 1st in class in more than one species the exhibitor must claim which species they want to enter Master Showmanship with. For the species that they do not claim the 2nd place exhibitor will have the option to participate in Master Showmanship for that species.
27. **EXHIBITOR UNIFORMS** for the specific club affiliation will be worn for all classes at all times. Fair dress code is as follows:
- FFA UNIFORM:** White or Dark Blue Denim Jean trousers. No faded, frayed, or baggy trousers allowed. White dress shirts (long or short sleeved, no sleeveless or T-shirts). Official FFA necktie, scarf and jacket. If FFA jacket is not worn, the FFA emblem must be attached to the left front pocket of the shirt. No hats or headgear of any kind will be allowed while in the show ring.
- 4-H UNIFORM:** White, green, or dark blue denim trousers allowed. (No frayed, faded or baggy trousers allowed). White dress shirts (short or long sleeved, no sleeveless or t-shirts). Official 4-H hat and tie or scarf must be worn in the show ring at all times.
- GRANGE UNIFORM:** White or dark blue denim trousers; no faded, frayed or baggy trousers allowed. White dress shirt (short or long sleeved, no sleeveless or t-shirts), and official red Grange vest.
- INDEPENDENT UNIFORM:** White or dark blue denim trousers, no faded, frayed or baggy trousers allowed. White dress shirt, long or short sleeved, no sleeveless or t-shirts.
28. All exhibitors are expected to show respect, courtesy, and cooperation with their peers, adults and fairgoers alike. No fighting or foul language will be tolerated. No water play of any type will be tolerated in the livestock area.
29. The use of inhumane showing and / or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivances or other similar practices is strictly prohibited.
30. All exhibitors are required to keep their pens clean at all times for the duration of the fair. This includes your stall / supply area as well as the common aisles surrounding your pen.
31. \*Please make this an enjoyable experience for our fairgoers/buyers by keeping all areas free from animal defecation and show supplies.

# AUCTION RULES:

**\*\*\* EVERY MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITOR AND PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE THE DECLARATION OF MEDICATION FORM PRIOR TO THE SALE OF THE ANIMAL THROUGH THE AUCTION. \*\*\* NO EXCEPTIONS!!! \*\*\***

**Only Market Beef, Market Calves, Market Swine, Market Lambs, Market Goats may be sold at auction.**

1. Exhibitors may only sell one animal of each species: Lamb, Beef, Goat, Swine.  
\*Livestock Chairman has the option to modify this rule depending on space availability.
2. Maximum weights are suggested guidelines for judging, and will not be considered in breaking classes. Should the judge consider an animal to be "Market Ready", regardless of weight, these animals will be eligible for the auction, but will only be paid to the top weight as follows:

<b>Beef</b>	<b>1450 lbs.</b>
<b>Swine</b>	<b>280 lbs.</b>
<b>Goats</b>	<b>125 lbs.</b>
<b>Lambs</b>	<b>150 lbs.</b>
<b>Calves</b>	<b>300 lbs.</b>
3. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market animals are mandatory terminal sale. **THEY MUST BE SOLD AT AUCTION, NO EXCEPTIONS...**
4. Any animals that have sold through another Junior Livestock Auction are not eligible to sell at the Desert Empire Fair Auction. Exhibitors found violating this rule be excluded from all future fairs and auctions.
5. Any animal that is sold through the DEF Auction may not be donated back to the exhibitor, exhibitor's family/friends, or their affiliated club. Animals that are donated back to the exhibitors will be turned over to the Desert Empire Fair and offered for re-sale. Once the auctioneer has sold the exhibitors animals through the auction the animal is considered sold and the exhibitor **SHALL NOT** approach the buyer about donating or buying the animal back. Violation of this rule will result in the exhibitor only receiving re-sale price for their animal instead of their auction price with the remainder of the funds being donated to the DEF Jr. Livestock Committee.
6. Exhibitors must be present to auction their animals. If an exhibitor is unable to be present, the Livestock Chairman must be notified and approve the reason for the exhibitor not being able to be present and sell their own animal during auction.
7. If an exhibitor has more than one species indicated in rule 2, they must declare to the livestock office which animal they intend to sell. If the Livestock office is not notified, the highest placing animal will be put into the auction.
8. If the exhibitor chooses to 'scratch' their market animal from the auction (excluding Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals) they **MUST** notify the Livestock Office by Friday evening of the show no later than 6pm. **NO ANIMALS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE AUCTION AFTER THIS DEADLINE, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
9. The 53<sup>rd</sup> District boundaries are Kern / Los Angeles county line to the south, Inyo / Kern county line to the north, San Bernardino / Kern county line to the east and the Los Angeles aqua duct (located on the east side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the west.
10. **LIVESTOCK COMMISSIONS** are commissions paid to the DEF Jr. Livestock Show and Auction and will be collected for each animal sold through auction. Commissions are used to cover auction costs and other related costs.

MARKET BEEF:	\$60 per head
MARKET CALVES:	\$40 per head
MARKET SWINE:	\$40 per head
MARKET LAMB:	\$40 per head
MARKET GOAT:	\$40 per head

11. During the auction exhibitors are strictly prohibited from entering the livestock office for any reason, other than emergency. If you are interested in obtaining your buyer's name and / or address you can obtain that information on Sunday after the auction in the livestock office. If you have a gift to present to your buyer at the auction, please find a representative from the DEF Jr. Livestock Committee OUTSIDE and try to get the information from them. **DO NOT DISTURB THE OFFICE STAFF DURING THE AUCTION AT ALL.**
12. Exhibitors are responsible for the care, feeding, and pen cleaning of all animals sold through auction until the close of the show on Sunday at 1pm. Any exhibitor found leaving animals without water, feed, or care after the auction will be disqualified from future fairs and may be subject to a monetary penalty withdrawn from their auction proceeds.
13. Add-On or Sponsor Money is accepted for all sales going through auction with a completed Desert Empire Fair Junior Livestock Add-On Form, which can be found on [www.desertempirefair.com](http://www.desertempirefair.com) . There will be a 5% processing fee for all add-ons. Add-On's must be paid in full and submitted to the Junior Livestock office prior to auction. WE WILL NOT BILL YOUR SPONSORS. You may not use multiple add-on's to purchase your animal back. Add-On or Sponsor money are only to be added on to your sale that is purchased by a single buyer.

# BEEF – Dept. 1

## DIVISION 400 – MARKET BEEF

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Market Beef (1000-1450 lbs.)**

- Market Beef must be individually owned by the exhibitor for at least 120 days prior to the opening day of fair.
- Exhibitors are limited to two (2) beef entries per exhibitor.
- Market Beef must be weighed by an official weigh master BEFORE coming to the fairgrounds. The official weight slip along with a USDA Brand Inspection must be presented to the Livestock Office upon arrival.
- Market Ready steers are projected to have sufficient fat deposition to meet the marbling specifications for USDA Prime, Choice or Select + Quality Grades.
- Not Market Ready steers are those lacking evidence of sufficient fat deposition to produce a desirable consumer product. Steers projected to grade USDA Select or lower.

## DIVISION 405 – MARKET CALVES

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Market Calves (130-300 lbs.)**

- Calves must be under 90 days of age.
- Calves must be 50% dairy.
- Calves must have been fed on milk or milk replacer.
- Calves must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least 60 days prior to opening day of fair.
- Grade Group 1 – Animals are smooth, deep, thick, and compact; the udder or scrotum shows a marked fullness. They must have a youthful appearance and be in good condition.
- Grade Group 2 – Animals must possess a moderately high degree of the higher quality grade characteristics. They will carry less finish, show more bone, and have less uniformity.

Grade Group 3 – Animals lack finish, are rather leggy and hippy, and/or are rough in the shoulder and light in the round.

## DIVISION 410 – BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **PREMIUMS OFFERED:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place \$8.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$7.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$6.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> place \$5.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> place \$4.00

### **Class 1: Junior 9-13 years old (as of January 1)**

### **Class 2: Senior 14-19 years old (as of January 1)**

- Open to Market Beef and Market Calf Exhibitors.
- Only animals entered and shown in individual market classes are eligible.
- Age of exhibitor is determined by their age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.

# SWINE – Dept. 2

## DIVISION 420 – MARKETSWINE

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Market Swine (210-280 lbs.)**

Exhibitors may only exhibit two (2) Market Swine.

- Swine must be individually owned by the exhibitor for at least 60 days prior to opening day of fair.
- Swine not making minimum market weights may show in feeder classes, but may not be auctioned.
- Market Ready: US No.1 and No. 2 hogs of average or greater confirmation that is acceptable in leanness, muscularity and production traits.
- Not Market Ready: Any hog of below average conformation including US No. 3, No. 4 and utility grade hogs.
- Market Swine Exhibitors MUST need to provide their Prop 12 Breeder Certificate

## DIVISION 421 – FEEDERSWINE

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Feeder Swine (209lbs. and under)**

## DIVISION 425 – BREEDING SWINE

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Junior & Senior Yearling (born prior to 6/30 of previous year)**

### **Class 2: Fall Gilt (born July 1 – Dec. 31s of previous year)**

### **Class 3: Spring Gilt (born after January 1st of current year)**

## DIVISION 430 – SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Novice Jr. 9-13 yrs. old (as of January 1) (1st and 2nd year exhibitors only)**

### **Class 2: Junior 9-13 years old (as of January 1)**

### **Class 3: Senior 14-19 years old (as of January 1)**

- Only animals entered and shown in individual classes are eligible.
- Age of exhibitor is determined by their age as of January 1st of the current calendar year.
- Novice Jr. class is only for youth that have one or two years of experience exhibiting ANY species. For example if this is the first year that the exhibitor will show pigs, however he/she has shown lambs, goats or any combination of other species for 3 years; the exhibitor is ineligible to show in the novice class and should enter the regular Jr. class.
- Open to Junior exhibitors who reside in the state of California.

### **PREMIUMS OFFERED:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place \$8.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$7.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$6.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> place \$5.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> place \$4.00

# SHEEP – Dept. 3

## DIVISION 440 – MARKET LAMBS

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Market Lambs (100-150 lbs.)**

Exhibitors may only exhibit two (2) Market Lambs.

Market lambs must be individually owned by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to opening day of fair.

- All sheep must have official Scrapie tags attached to their ear at the arrive to the fairgrounds.
- Market lambs MAY NOT be shown in breeding classes.
- Lambs must be showing lamb teeth.
- Lambs must have tails docked.
- Lambs not making minimum weight requirement will be eligible to be shown in the Feeder Lamb class.
- Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality grade with 12<sup>th</sup> rib back fat range of .16-.35. Average or greater conformation and cut ability.
- Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality grade with 12<sup>th</sup> rib back fat range of < .16 or > .35. Under finished lambs grading USDA Good or lower, below average conformation or cut ability.

## DIVISION 445 – FEEDER LAMBS

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Feeder Lambs (99 lbs. and under)**

## DIVISION 455 – SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Novice Jr. 9-13 yrs. old (as of January 1) (1st and 2nd year exhibitors only)**

### **Class 2: Junior 9-13 years old (as of January 1)**

### **Class 3: Senior 14-19 years old (as of January 1)**

- Only animals entered and shown in individual classes are eligible.
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### **PREMIUMS OFFERED:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place \$8.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$7.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$6.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> place \$5.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> place \$4.00

## DIVISION 450 – BREEDING SHEEP

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Yearling Ewe (born prior to Sept 1st of previous year)**

### **Class 2: Ewe Lamb (born after Nov 1st of previous year)**

### **Class 3: Ram Lamb (born after Nov 1st of previous year)**

**\*\*\*Lambs Must show milk teeth\*\*\***



# MARKET GOAT – Dept. 4

## DIVISION 460 – MARKET GOATS

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Market Goats (60-125 lbs.)**

- Market goats must be individually owned by the exhibitor for at least 60 days prior to the opening day of fair.
- Goats must be dehorned.  
\*\*\*Scurs must be shorter than 1 inch.
- Male goats must be castrated.
- Must be showing milk teeth.
- Goats must have official Scrapie tag.
- Market Ready: USDA Prime of Choice quality for 12<sup>th</sup> rib back fat range.
  - .08 - .12 is most desirable
  - .13 - .22 is acceptable
  - Average or greater conformation and cut ability.

Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality with 12<sup>th</sup> rib back fat range < .08 or > .22. Under finished goats grading USDA good or lower, below average conformation and / or cut ability.

## DIVISION 461 – MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Junior 9-13 years old (as of January 1)**

### **Class 2: Senior 14-19 years old (as of January 1)**

- Only animals entered and shown in individual market classes are eligible.
- Age of exhibitor is determined by their age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.

### **PREMIUMS OFFERED:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place \$8.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$7.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$6.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> place \$5.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> place \$4.00

## DIVISION 459 – PROSPECT MARKET GOAT

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Prospect Goat (under 60 lbs.)**

## DIVISION 462 – BREEDING DOES

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

### **Class 1: Doe, Spring (under 1 year old)**

### **Class 2: Doe, Yearling (1-2 years old)**

### **Class 3: Doe, Aged (over 2 years old)**

- Entry in classes is determined by the goat's age on the first day of the fair.
- Boer goats must be owned by the exhibitor for 30 days prior to the opening day of the fair.
- All Boer goats must have official Scrapie tag or tattoo.
- You can only enter a doe in breeding or market NOT BOTH.
- Does can be shown with or without horns.

# DAIRY GOATS – Dept. 5

## DIVISION 463 – DAIRY GOATS

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

- Class 1:** Kids, (under 1 year of age)  
**Class 2:** Dry Yearling, 1 year old, not in milk  
**Class 3:** Yearling, 1 year old, in milk  
**Class 4:** Doe, of any age

- All breeds shown together, this is not a sanctioned show.
- Entry in classes is determined by the goat's age on the first day of the fair.
- Dairy goats must be tattooed or microchipped.
- Goats must be owned by the exhibitor for at least 60 days prior to opening day of the fair.

### PREMIUMS OFFERED:

- 1st place \$8.00
- 2nd place \$6.00
- 3rd place \$4.00

## DIVISION 464 – DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

- Class 1:** Junior 9-13 years old (as of January 1)  
**Class 2:** Senior 14-19 years old (as of January 1)

- Only animals entered and shown in individual classes are eligible. Must show their own animal.
- Age of exhibitor is determined by their age as of January 1st of the current calendar

# PYGMY GOATS – Dept. 6

## DIVISION 465 – PYGMY GOATS

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

- Class 1:** KIDS (under 1 year of age)  
**Class 2:** Doe, Yearling  
**Class 3:** Doe, Aged  
**Class 4:** Wether, of any age

- Entry in classes is determined by the goat's age on the first day of the fair.
- Pygmy goats must be owned by the exhibitor for 30 days prior to the opening day of the fair.
- Pygmy goats must be tattooed or microchipped.
- Classes may be added or combined at the discretion of the Livestock Chairman.

### PREMIUMS OFFERED:

- 1st place \$8.00
- 2nd place \$6.00
- 3rd place \$4.00

## DIVISION 466 – PYGMY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

- Class 1:** Primary 5-8 years old (as of January 1)  
**Class 2:** Junior 9-13 years old (as of January 1)  
**Class 3:** Senior 14-19 years old (as of January 1)

- Only animals entered and shown in individual classes are eligible.
- Age of exhibitor is determined by their age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.

### PREMIUMS OFFERED:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place \$8.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$7.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$6.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> place \$5.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> place \$4.00

# NIGERIAN DWARF GOATS – Dept. 7

## DIVISION 467 –NIGERIAN DWARF GOATS

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

**Class 1: KIDS (under 1 year of age)**

**Class 2: Doe, Yearling (1-2 years)**

**Class 3: Doe, Aged (2 years and older)**

**Class 4: Wether, of any age**

- Entry into classes is determined by the goat's age on the first day of fair.
- This is not a sanctioned show.
- Classes may be combined or split at the discretion of the Livestock Chairman.
- Nigerian Dwarf goats must be owned by the exhibitor for 30 days prior to the opening day of the fair.
- Nigerian Dwarf Goats must be tattooed or microchipped.
- There is not a buck class this show.

### **PREMIUMS OFFERED:**

- 1st place      \$8.00
- 2nd place      \$6.00
- 3rd place      \$4.00

## DIVISION 468 –NIGERIAN GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 per head per class**

**Class 1: Primary 5-8 years old (as of Jan 1st)**

**Class 2: Junior 9-13 years old (as of Jan 1st)**

**Class 3: Senior 14-19 years old (as of Jan 1st)**

- Only animals entered and shown in individual classes are eligible.
- Age of exhibitor is determined by their age as of January 1st of the current calendar

# MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

## DIVISION 510 – MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

**Entry Fee: NO ENTRY FEES**

**\*\*\*DO NOT enter this class on your entry form. You have to qualify for this class. If you enter and pay for this class your entry fees will not be returned to you.\*\*\***

Entry Rules: 1<sup>st</sup> place showmanship exhibitors are automatically enrolled in Master Showmanship classes. If you do not wish to enter Master Showmanship, please notify the Livestock Office asap.

If an exhibitor places 1<sup>st</sup> in class in more than one species the exhibitor must claim which species they want to enter Master Showmanship with. For the species that they do not claim the 2<sup>nd</sup> place exhibitor will have the option to participate in Master Showmanship for that species.

Premiums: NO PREMIUMS PAID

Awards: Ribbons (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>), Buckle for top winner

### **Class 1: Primary 5-8 years old (as of January 1)**

- Primary Master Showmanship Buckle will be awarded to highest ranking points for showing various small animal species.
- Entry is based on placing first in showmanship classes for the following divisions:
  - Nigerian Dwarf Goats
  - Pygmy Goats

### **Class 2: Junior 9-13 years old (as of January 1)**

- Junior Master Showmanship buckle will be awarded to highest ranking points for showing various large animal species.
- Entry is based on placing first in eligible large animal Showmanship classes.
- Species that could possibly be selected & shown by exhibitors:
  - Swine
  - Sheep
  - Dairy Goats
  - Market Goats
  - Market Beef (if available)

### **Class 3: Senior 14-19 years old (as of January 1)**

- Senior Master Showmanship buckle will be awarded to highest ranking points for showing various large animal species.
- Entry is based on placing first in eligible large animal Showmanship classes.
- Species that could possibly be selected & shown by exhibitors:
  - Swine
  - Sheep
  - Dairy Goats
  - Market Goats
  - Market Beef (if available)

# LIVESTOCK ENTRY FORM

MAIL TO:  
 DEF-JLA c/o Kalie Keenan  
 520 S. Richmond Rd Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
 Questions: (760) 608-4903 \*Evenings Preferred  
 Email: jrlivestock@desertempirefair.com



Exhibitor #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (for office use only)

EAR TAG # TATTOO # SCRAPIE TAG #	DEPARTMENT	DIVISION	CLASS	DIVISION / CLASS ENTRY DESCRIPTION (Market, Class, Showmanship, Division, Breed, etc.)	BREEDER	ANIMAL D.O.B.	ENTRY FEE

\*\*\*Additional form with only the division / class entries completed may be stapled to this form if needed\*\*\*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DEF-JLA

ENTRIES CLOSE ON AUGUST 15, 2025.

ALL ENTRIES POSTMARKED AFTER THIS DATE ARE CONSIDERED LATE

\$30 FEE MUST BE INCLUDED FOR ALL LATE ENTRIES, NO EXCEPTIONS

ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 22, 2025 (postmarked by 8/22/25)

YQCA CERTIFICATE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ENTRY FORM IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FAIR !!!

TOTAL ENTRY FEES	
EXHIBITOR TAG FEE (\$1.00 per exhibitor)	\$ 1.00
INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR FEE (\$20.00)	
MANDATORY EXHIBITOR ENTRY PASS (\$15.00 per exhibitor)	\$ 15.00
PARENT/FAMILY ENTRY PASSES (\$20.00 each)	
LATE ENTRY FEE (if applicable) \$30.00	
TOTAL FEES	

EXHIBITOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR AGE: (as of Jan 1, 2025): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ YQCA Certificate #: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## MUST BE SIGNED BY EXHIBITOR'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN and their 4-H COMMUNITY LEADER, FFA ADVISOR, GRANGE LEADER or 4-H OFFICE.

By signing and submitting an entry form the exhibitor and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledge and agree that they:

- Have read and understand the CDFA 2025 State Rules for California Fairs and the 2025 DEF Livestock Local Rules. (both documents are available on the Desert Empire Fair website)
- Agree to abide by them; c. Certify that all information on the entry form is true and accurate; d. Agree to comply with the fair's decision regarding any alleged violation of the state or local rules.
- Certify that this entry is the project of the exhibitor, owned solely by the exhibitor, and is eligible to be shown in accordance with the rules and regulations of this show.
- The exhibitor and their parent/leader/advisor attest that the exhibitor has completed Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA.com) training and has a current certificate attached with this entry form.
- The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any injury or damage, which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the Fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

LEADER'S / ADVISOR'S PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

LEADER'S / ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT or GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash / Check (circle one) CK# \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_