

GENERAL RULES as applied to ALL Exhibitors, Participants, Vendors, Staff & Volunteers

****Waterfowl will be accepted at the 2026 UCF as of the publishing date of this book; however, this decision is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the State Veterinarian, local veterinarian and/or UCF Directors****

The Umatilla County Fair (UCF) is the County's major annual agricultural and industrial exposition and provides educational activities, healthy competition and recognition for the County's youth. The following rules and regulations apply to every exhibitor, vendor and anyone involved with the UCF. Department rules take precedence over General Rules if there may be a conflict.

DISEASE PREVENTION STATEMENT

MICROBES THAT MAY POSE AS A HEALTH RISK FOR INFANTS, YOUNG CHILDREN, SOME ELDERLY AND SOME IMMUNE COMPROMISED INDIVIDUALS CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO HUMANS THROUGH ANIMAL WASTE. UPON ENTERING AREAS WHERE ANIMAL WASTE IS, OR MAY BE PRESENT, PLEASE AVOID HAND TO MOUTH ACTIVITIES. PLEASE WASH HANDS WHEN LEAVING ANIMAL AREAS AND ALWAYS PRIOR TO CONSUMING FOOD.

YOU MAY NOTICE NEW SIGNAGE AND MORE HAND WASHING STATIONS IN AND AROUND THE BARN.

THESE MEASURES ARE PUT IN PLACE BY THE UCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR YOUR SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE.

1. The Fair Board reserves the right to interpret all Fair rules and regulations and to settle all disputes. Any person (exhibitor, concessionaire, etc.) who does not comply with the rules and regulations may be removed from the Fairgrounds at the discretion of the Fair Board.
2. The Fair Board tries to take reasonable precautions to protect articles on exhibit, but will not be responsible for loss or damage.
3. No roving vendors or solicitation whether acting for profit or non-profit, or on his/her own behalf, shall be permitted on the Fairgrounds.
4. Any fundraisers held on the fairgrounds during the fair are required to be pre-approved by the Fair Board.
5. No person who attends the UCF shall consume or have in his/her possession any controlled substance, or alcoholic beverage, unless the alcoholic beverage is obtained from a dually authorized concessionaire at the Fairgrounds and is consumed lawfully within approved areas.
6. **NO PETS ALLOWED.** Only certified service dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds and must be on a leash at all times. If your certified service dog is recognized as a nuisance in any way, the UCF Board will notify you and your dog must be removed from the fairgrounds. The UCF Board of Directors also reserves the right to require the owner's removal for any mistreatment of a dog.
7. **USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND SMOKING/VAPING OF ANY KIND IS PROHIBITED AT THE UCF.**
8. **EXHIBITS AND VENDORS:**
 - a) All 4-H exhibits must be removed between 8:00AM and 11:00AM on Sunday August 16th. Livestock must be removed from 7:00 AM- 10:00 AM.
 - b) All Open class exhibits must be removed by 12:00 NOON on Sunday August 16th. Livestock must be removed from 7:00 AM- 10:00 AM.
 - c) 4-H items left after 11:00AM and Open Class items left after 12:00 NOON on Sunday, will be disposed of. Exhibits shall NOT be removed from the Fair before Sunday.
 - d) **VENDORS** who tear-down BEFORE Sunday, without management approval, will automatically forfeit their deposit.
9. At the discretion of the Fair Board, items deemed offensive or dangerous will not be displayed or permitted on the grounds.
10. Each exhibitor will be responsible for entering their exhibits into the proper Department, Division and Class. Items or exhibits entered incorrectly will not be judged. Please refer to your section of the Exhibitor's Guide for details.
11. Every exhibit must be entered in the name of the owner, maker or grower.
12. The livestock superintendents have the authority to break down and/or combine department classifications in order to best facilitate the show as well as splitting classes for judging due to a large number of entries. When it comes to 4-H/FFA Showmanship classes being altered, superintendent should coordinate with 4-H administration and/or FFA Overall Advisor.
13. Premiums and ribbons are not awarded to all exhibits or entries.
14. No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judge or judges during their adjudication. **EXHIBITORS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN EXHIBIT HALLS DURING JUDGING.** The judge's decision shall be final.
15. Each superintendent under the direction of UCF Directors and/or Management, shall have the full charge of their department w/ the exception of 4-H/FFA State Guidelines.
16. Camping will be permitted in designated camping areas only. Camping applications must be pre-approved via online submittal.
17. Failure to follow all rules listed in the Exhibitor's Guide may result in forfeiture of all premiums and/or disqualification.
18. During Fair week and through the official close of Fair, vehicles will only be allowed on the designated areas. Proper parking ticket or hang-tag must be displayed at all times. Vehicles parked or left in unauthorized areas, or who fail to display proper parking credentials will be towed at owner's expense. **There will be NO VEHICLE ACCESS allowed on the fairgrounds to pick up animals or equipment until Sunday, August 16th.**

19. LIVESTOCK ENTRIES (Open class, 4-H & FFA)

Inspecting Veterinarian – Hermiston Veterinary Clinic

- a) All Open Class Livestock entries will be received while pen space is available. Pre-registration is required for all Open Class exhibitors by June 30th.
- b) 4-H and FFA Exhibitors, please refer to the 4-H and FFA sections of this book for program specific rules.
- c) Livestock exhibits will be released between 7:00AM and 10:00AM on Sunday, August 16th.
- d) Registration Requirements: Purebred livestock must be accompanied by a certificate of registration, duly certified by the recognized registry of that particular breed or certified pedigree should be kept available in case the judge should call for them in the show ring.
- e) **ALL ANIMALS** are subject to inspection by the attending veterinarian upon admission to the Fairgrounds. No animal shall be admitted or allowed to remain on the grounds when exhibiting evidence of infection or contagious disease or any unsightly condition such as warts, ringworm, pinkeye, strangles, contagious ecthyma, scabies, lice, mites, ticks, fleas, etc. Directors and/or Coordinator reserves the right to require health inspection, diagnostic tests, treatment and/or disease control measures or procedures which become necessary in emergencies, at the owner's expense. It will be the veterinarian's decision if there is any question about the health of the animal. Animals NOT passing health inspection by the veterinarian must be **IMMEDIATELY** removed from the grounds.
- f) All non-market sheep and goats will be required to have a **SCRAPIE** tag and/or tattoo.
- g) **OUT OF STATE** livestock or poultry must comply with Oregon interstate requirements as to official health certificates, permits, inoculations and tests. These documents are to be presented to the Fair veterinarians when required.
- h) Exhibitors must, at all times, keep their stalls or pens and aisles in good, neat condition. Shavings or other suitable bedding will be provided for beef, swine, sheep and goats. If provided bedding is depleted, exhibitors will be required to provide their own Fair Board approved bedding.
- i) Exhibitors must furnish feed and care for their own livestock. All pens and stalls must be cleaned by 8:00PM and kept clean until 8:00PM each day. All exhibitors

must conduct a final cleanup by 10:00AM on Sunday, August 16th. Pens and stalls must be cleaned of all bedding and the bedding hauled to the appropriate place as designated by the Fair. Premiums will be withheld if this rule is violated.

- j) Except while showing, all livestock will be confined to their pens or stalls, or at the wash rack or fitting areas. Animals are restricted to the barn areas only.
- k) Admission and parking passes will be available at the box office windows and will be required for entry & re-entry on opening day (Wed. of Fair). ADMITTANCE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED WITHOUT THE PROPER PASSES DURING FAIR.
- l) During Fair week and through the official close of Fair, vehicles will only be allowed in designated areas of the fairgrounds and must display a parking pass.
- m) 4-H and FFA Exhibitors are required to continue the care of their market animal through 9:00PM on Saturday night, despite the transfer of ownership that takes place at the time of the sale.
- n) **Breeding cattle, sheep, and goats will be allowed to be removed on Friday afternoon between 3:00PM & 5:00PM. A release form will be available in the livestock office and must be signed by the appropriate superintendent prior to removal. Animals released must be led off the premises for transportation.**

20. UCF ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

The UCF is committed to upholding the welfare of animals as a primary consideration in all activities, as well as:

- a) Requiring that animals be treated with kindness, respect and compassion
- b) Ensuring that owners, trainers and exhibitors use responsible care in handling, transporting and exhibiting their animals.
- c) Providing for the continuous well-being of animals through proper feeding, disease prevention, sanitation and attention to their safety.
- d) Supporting scientific research to improve the health, safety and well-being of livestock.

21. UCF ANIMAL HEALTH PRODUCT USAGE POLICY

The UCF is committed to the production of safe, wholesale food products. Therefore, livestock will be disqualified if they show any evidence of the use of unapproved animal health products or the improper use of approved animal health products. UCF Directors and/or Management reserves the right to use appropriate tests to detect violations of this policy.

22. UCF UNMANAGEABLE ANIMAL POLICY

An unmanageable animal may be requested to leave the show. Exhibitors of questionable beef and dairy animals will be required to lead their animals to a prescribed distance. The department superintendent, Fair Board member and the respective 4-H staff or FFA advisor will make any control decisions. Any excused animal is disqualified from the show and sale.

23. CAMPGROUND (application deadline July 15th– available **ONLINE ONLY:** www.umatillacountyfair.com)

Camping logistics are subject to change as an attempt to improve each year. The UCF website will have the most up to date information.

- a) UCF Camping Applications are located on the fair website and are submitted and paid for electronically. The application is not a guarantee of acceptance. Preference is given to exhibitors that house their animals a distance greater than 20 miles from the fairgrounds.
- b) Due to limited space, some applicants will be denied or asked to move to dry camping. If a refund is due; Umatilla County will refund to the card charged or issue a refund check to the address on the application.
- c) Final approval of camping applications typically happens the last week of July when all requests have been received and available space has been determined.
- d) Exhibitors may not camp on the grounds unless accompanied by a parent or approved adult chaperone. All units must have an adult present and responsible for the occupants. All camp units are required to remain on the grounds until Sunday morning following fair.
- e) Unless otherwise notified by the Camping Director, Exhibitor Campers may not be placed on the grounds prior to Thursday, Aug. 6th unless prior permission has been granted through the Fair Office. Campers must move in on Aug. 6th & 7th, 2026. Questions may be addressed by emailing fair@umatillacounty.gov or by calling the Fair Office at 541-567-6121.
- f) **ALL CAMPERS, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, EXHIBITORS AND PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW FAIR ENTRY CREDENTIALS (TICKETS OR PASSES) AT ALL GATES WHEN ENTERING OR RE-ENTERING THE FAIRGROUNDS BEGINNING ON TUESDAY OF FAIR WEEK.**
- g) Complete rules are located on the UCF Camping Application.

24. 4-H/FFA RULES (4-H and FFA Set up Day at the fairgrounds is JULY 25TH, 2026)

- a) FFA Chapter Advisor, 4-H Club Volunteer, parent or an official designated chaperone must accompany all livestock exhibitors. Officially designated replacements must be listed in the 4-H and FFA offices. Members not so accompanied will not be allowed to show.
- b) All 4-H entries must be submitted to ShoWorks online by end of day **June 30TH, 2026**.
- c) FFA entries are due by **June 19TH, 2026** entered in ShoWorks. Please see your FFA Advisor to enter. FFA record books are to be handed in to the FFA office at final weigh-in during Fair. All entries must be documented as an official FFA Supervised Occupation Experience Project with an AET Record Book that verifies initiation and management of the entry 60 days prior to the Fair or by date specified in other Fair rules.
- d) No animals will be received or allowed on the grounds after weigh-in to allow proper check-in of animals.
- e) Any exhibitor violating UCF rules or guilty of undesirable conduct may be penalized by forfeiture of all premiums earned at the discretion of the Directors and/or Management.
- f) 4-H and FFA members must abide by the Memorandum of Understanding between the Oregon 4-H and Oregon FFA.
- g) Premium points will be determined by ribbon placing. Points will not be awarded to market classes. Premium point values will be determined after the Fair, based on total points awarded and money allocated for premiums by the Fair.
- h) Each livestock exhibitor is responsible for having their entry in the ring or designated exhibit area, when class is called or exhibit is judged. Entries not in proper place at time of judging will not be allowed to compete.
- i) Members exhibiting livestock are required to make a Showmanship entry for every species in which they have entered livestock. Members who exhibit livestock and small animals are required to show in a showmanship class for both areas.
- j) Market animals shall be used for Showmanship rather than breeding animals, except for rabbits and poultry. Animals shown for Showmanship must have shown in a conformation class in the exhibitor's name and be properly fitted.
- k) The grand champion showman in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Goat and Horse Showmanship divisions will compete for the Master Showmanship award. If a member wins grand champion in more than one division, the member must choose one division in which to participate. The reserve champion winner will represent the division relinquished by the grand champion winner. There must be at least 5 exhibitors in 3 classes of a division to have a master showmanship representative.
- l) The exhibitor must perform all care and fitting of animals. Involvement of adults must be limited to advising. Fitting and blocking is to be done in the designated fitting area only. Blocking and clipping stands are to be labeled with name of each member, chapter or club.
- m) To be eligible for livestock association special awards, exhibitors must meet the requirements as stated for the award.
- n) When classes are split, only one livestock association special award will be made. The judges must determine and indicate who is to receive the award.
- o) Neck ropes are required for all beef and dairy cattle.
- p) Animals entered in the Fair must be made available for use in the Meat Animal and Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, unless excused by the Superintendent.

- q) The use of talcum powder, oil or other artificial coating will not be allowed in fitting and showing animals in any of the swine classes. Artificial coloring or any artificial means of removing or correcting physical defects of conformation in exhibition animals such as lifting or fitting under skin is prohibited and will be considered as fraud or deception. All animals showing evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition at the Fair. If any animal is found by the official Fair Veterinarian to have been tampered with as previously described, it shall be disqualified from competition. All prize money that has been won at the Fair by the exhibitor on any animal or animals so disqualified will be forfeited. The finding of the Fair Veterinarian as to whether or not any animal has been improperly tampered with shall be final and conclusive. Determining whether artificial coloring has been used will be at the discretion of the Superintendent and the judges. The Fair will not be responsible for the consequences, direct or indirect, of any animal or exhibitor being so disqualified or barred from showing.
- r) Beef, sheep, goats and dairy cattle must be kept in designated areas or in their stalls or pens prior to entering the ring to be judged.

25. OFFICIAL DRESS SHOULD BE WORN AT THE AWARDS PROGRAM

- a) Pictures are taken of award winners that are sent to donors and newspapers. Members should be seen in something other than street clothes.
- b) DRESS RIGHT - When you look your best, you do your best!

26. UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION Superintendent-Marie Linnell

- a) Animals entered in market classes must have Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) affidavit, and a health record signed by the exhibitor. Market animals will NOT be allowed across the scales at Fair without these documents in place.
- b) All livestock must be owned and in possession of the 4-H or FFA member by the dates listed on the table below. Rabbits and Poultry must be banded and tattooed by May 16, 2026. A mandatory pre-show tagging (weighing is optional) of market steers, hogs, lambs and goats is required. Each exhibitor will be allowed to tag a maximum of 2 animals per species. A visual tag will be used on all four species with an EID tag being used on steers only. All tags will be paid for by the UCF.
- c) Steers that are age and source verified that already are tagged with an EID tag will be required to attend the mandatory weigh-in to receive a visual tag. All exhibitors wishing to participate in the AIBAA/Steer of Merit Award must have weighed their steers on March 14, 2026.

Species	Date	Location	Time
Steers	March 14, 2026	Hermiston - EOTEC	8 a.m.- 10 a.m.
	March 14, 2026	Milton-Freewater - MF Jr. Show Grounds	8 a.m.-until done
	March 14, 2026	Pendleton - BMCC	8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Lambs, Goats, Hogs	June 6, 2026	Pendleton - Round-Up Pavilion	7 a.m.-8 a.m.
	June 6, 2026	Milton-Freewater - MF Jr. Show Grounds	8 a.m.-until done
	June 7, 2026	Athena - Weston McEwen Land Lab	6 a.m.-until done
	June 6, 2026	Hermiston-EOTEC	7 a.m.- 11 a.m.

- d) To be eligible for the auction, exhibitors MUST bring their livestock to one of the designated weigh-in locations (shown above) at the designated time to be officially tagged. All animals must be castrated by the possession date.
- e) If exhibitor suffers a loss of a market animal or if animal is deemed unusable by the assigned Fair Board livestock liaison, Youth Livestock Sale Superintendent, Umatilla County 4-H Faculty/Staff or Overall FFA Advisor, after pre-show weigh-in and wants to replace it, the exhibitor must notify the Umatilla County 4-H Extension Office (541- 278-5404) or their FFA advisor within 48 hours of the loss. Any replacement animals will require Fair Board approval. **No replacements within 30 days of fair.**
- f) Sale animals must meet the following **weight specifications** as they cross the scale at Fair: Steers - 1150 lb. minimum @ show, Swine - 240 to 315 lb. @ show, Lambs - 110 lb. minimum @ show, Goats - 70 to 100 lb. @ show, Fryer Rabbits - 4 to 5½ lb., not over 80 days of age; Roaster Rabbits 5½ to 7½ lb., 81-100 days of age; Fryer Poultry - 4 to 6 lb., under 8 weeks of age, Roaster Poultry - 6+ lb., 8 to 16 weeks of age; Turkeys - 20 lb. minimum, must be this year's hatch.
- g) Market hogs must not be shaved and must be shown with no less than ½" of hair.
- h) All animals, with the exception of steers, must be under 1 year of age at the time of sale. Market lambs exhibiting their yearling teeth, will not be allowed to sell.
- i) All animals are to arrive at the Fairgrounds on Monday, August 10. Scale hours will be 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon) and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The livestock gate and scales will be closed and no animals will be received from 12 noon to 5 p.m. All market animals will be weighed upon arrival, on a first come first serve basis. All animals must remain loaded until their turn at the scale. No animals will be weighed wet or wearing blankets. All animals must be cleaned prior to arrival. Dirty animals will not be weighed. Ear tags must be clean and readable. All lambs must be slick shorn prior to weigh-in. Any animal not meeting the weight requirements may be immediately reweighed ONE TIME after rebalancing the scale.
- j) Each exhibitor is eligible to sell one lot of market animals. If an exhibitor exhibits more than one species of market animal, only one species may be sold at the Youth Livestock Auction. The exhibitor must choose which species sells at the auction before 9:00 AM Thursday of Fair week.
- k) Members must have a stall card for their market animal with ear tag number and current weight displayed.
- l) Any discount taken or premium paid by the resale packers will be passed on to the exhibitors.
- m) Each member must personally show their sale animal in the appropriate MARKET & SHOWMANSHIP classes, must participate in a LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST and sell in the SALE RING. In cases where requirements cannot be met due to scheduling conflicts between two Fair events (and not conflicts with non-Fair events), the exhibitor must receive pre-approval from the species superintendent, the livestock sale superintendent and a Fair Board member.
- n) Sale weight on Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goats will reflect a 3% shrink off of scale weight. All sale lots will be charged a **4%** commission.
- o) All exhibitors will care for their market animals through 9:00 PM Saturday night.
- p) Transfer of ownership takes place at the time of sale. If an animal for custom kill is condemned in the slaughter process, the final buyer will have the option of accepting the floor price of the animal. The 4-H or FFA seller will assume the loss.
- q) The UCF Youth Livestock Auction is a terminal sale. All livestock consigned to the sale must go to slaughter as directed by the Sale Committee. The Sale Committee will cooperate with buyer to arrange for the disposition of all livestock. Every effort will be made to make arrangements that are convenient for the buyer.

29. SALE ORDER:

- a) Species order: Lambs-Goats-Beef-Hogs. Rabbits and Poultry will be between other species.
- b) Classes will be grouped into three (3) categories based on weight: light, middle and heavy. The first-place blue ribbon animals from each class will return for the division championship for their respective weight category. The remaining first place blue animals and the second-place blue animal from the Champion's class will be considered for Reserve Champion. The judge will place all animals in the division drive.
- c) Selection of Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be held Wednesday evening. The Grand Champion Drive will consist of the three (3) Division Champions. Once the Grand Champion has been selected the Reserve from that division will be considered for Reserve Grand Champion. After the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand are chosen, the judge will place in order the remaining division winners so that the entire Championship class is placed in order from top to bottom.
- d) The Grand Championship class sells first by the order previously mentioned in b (above). The remaining blue-ribbon animals will sell in class order determined by the Championship class. Once the rotation is established, it will be followed until all blue-ribbon animals are placed in order. Red and White ribbon animals will follow the same rotation.

30. THANK YOU NOTES TO BUYERS:

- a) 4-H and FFA youth participating in the Youth Livestock Auction will be required to write "Thank-You" notes to the buyer(s) of their animal as well as to any additional

- supporters who “added on” to the sale of their animal. **Exhibitors must write the notes themselves unless they have a health condition that prevents their ability to do so.**
- b) A letter will be mailed to each exhibitor one week after fair, showing names and addresses of buyer(s), add-on supporters and a bump amount (if any). **PLEASE READ THE LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY.** Many checks have been delayed from not reading the information contained in the letter because **some buyers or donors may add-on to your animal after the sale without your knowledge. So please wait until you receive our list of buyers.**
- c) Blank Thank you notes WILL NOT be available OR turned in at the sale.
- d) **Photos of addressed & stamped envelopes AND photos of the inside of the cards** can be sent to the fair by emailing ucflivestock@gmail.com with the subject “2026 Thank You Card for (exhibitor name)”. Pictures need to include each individual thank you note and names of addressees must be visible to ensure all buyers have been completed. Any unapproved notes will need to be resubmitted. Buyer gifts and/or Thank You notes given to buyers at the sale are permitted, but **exhibitors are STILL required** to submit thank you note photos. (Many times, the person at the auction is not the actual business owner and there are donations that you may be unaware of). **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE YOUR PREMIUM CHECK IF THESE PHOTOS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED.**
- e) The Fair Office will keep track of completed Thank You notes. **Thank You note photos MUST be received by Friday, Sept. 11th, 2026.**
- f) Checks will NOT be mailed to exhibitors until pictures of the Thank You notes have been received by the Fair Office.
- g) 4-H clubs and FFA chapters are highly encouraged to send a group “Thank You” (one card from group) to each businesses or individuals who contributed to the **BUMP program** (this is not the same as “add-on” buyers). A list of Bump supporters will be sent to the Pendleton 4-H Extension office and to the Overall FFA Advisor 1 week after fair. Leaders and Advisors are to request the list from them.
- 31. The UCF Livestock Auction fully supports the following:** National Beef Check-Off, National Pork Board and American Lamb Board. Assessments will be collected and remitted to the appropriate program as required on all sale animals.