

# Avoyelles Parish 2022 Livestock Program



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**Disclaimer: Please be advised that due to concerns with COVID-19, schedules and times are subject to change by show management per AgCenter regulations.**

## **4-H MEMBERS**

Parents please be sure that your child is enrolled in 4-H through 4H Online <https://v2.4honline.com> and has paid their dues by December 1. You can contact the office to check on your child's status. If your child has not enrolled in 4-H through <https://v2.4honline.com> and paid their dues by this deadline they will be ineligible to show.

## **LSU LIVESTOCK SHOW CATALOG**

The 2022 LSU Livestock Show Catalog is available to clientele on the LSU AgCenter website [HERE](#)

## **HARDSHIP POLICY**

If a 4-H or FFA livestock project is unable to be housed at your home or family's property, then the exhibitor must file for a hardship request for special housing. The request must be made and approved prior to possession date. If this request is not made before possession date, then the exhibitor will not be allowed to show at the parish, district, and state livestock shows. No exceptions, so please get your request approved before you purchase show animals. **This is required for all livestock projects that meet the hardship criteria.** The Hardship Form can be accessed [HERE](#)

## **VALIDATION PROCEDURE FOR MARKET AND COMMERCIAL ANIMALS**

- Exhibitor animals must be listed in the exhibitor's family on 4H Online <https://v2.4honline.com>
- Animals must be in continuous possession of exhibitor from time of validation until the LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show.
- Exhibitors should request validation kits and turn in kits to the Avoyelles 4-H Office by the following dates:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Return Validation Kits and Fees Deadline to Avoyelles Office</u>
All Commercial & Market Animals – Excluding Swine	November 7
Commercial & Market Swine	December 2

- All market and commercial animals must be tagged, and DNA samples collected.
- The responsibility of tagging animals and collecting DNA/hair samples will be that of the exhibitor and/or parent.
- Animals must be validated in either the exhibitors name or in family name (Family consist of parents, legal guardians, brothers, and sisters.); if validated in family name when official entry forms are turned in at the parish level the animal validated must be entered in the name of the exhibitor which will show the animal at the District and State Livestock Show.
- Cost to validate is \$7.00 per animal. **Payment due with return of validation DNA kits.**

## **STATE POSSESSION DEADLINES**

Steers.....	August 15
Exhibition Birds.....	November 7
Beef Breeding.....	November 7
Miniature Beef.....	November 14
Market Lambs.....	November 7
Breeding Sheep.....	November 7
Dairy Cattle.....	November 7
Commercial Ewes.....	November 7
Market Goat.....	November 7
Commercial Doe.....	November 7
Breeding Goat.....	November 7
Breeding Swine.....	December 2
Market Swine.....	December 2



# **\*\*ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES ARE DUE TO THE AVOYELLES**

**4-H OFFICE BY DECEMBER 9th. \*\***

## **COVID-19 STATEMENT**

Given the health concerns with COVID-19 there is no guarantee that livestock shows will occur as advertised. With that in mind, all livestock show participants and families should note that purchase and/or validation of animals is at their own risk and financial investment.

## **HEALTH CERTIFICATES**

An official health certificate is required for entry into all Louisiana livestock shows. In state health certificates are valid for 60 days from issue and out-of-state certificates are valid for 30 days. These certificates need to be kept with exhibitor in the event the state vet ask for it at show.

## **AVOYELLES PARISH LIVESTOCK SHOW – JANUARY 20th & 21st, 2023**

**ENTRY FEES - due with forms. Checks payable to: Avoyelles 4-H Foundation.**

<b><u>SPECIES</u></b>	<b><u>ENTRY FEE</u></b>
Beef and Dairy Cattle	\$20/head
Breeding and Market Swine	\$10/head
Breeding and Market Sheep	\$10/head
Breeding and Market Goats	\$10/head
Meat Rabbit Pen	\$7.50/pen
Rabbits	\$3.00/rabbit
Poultry	\$3.00/bird

## **AVOYELLES PARISH RABBIT SHOW**

1. Exhibitors are only allowed to enter rabbits they own and care for as of the required possession date.
2. All rabbits must be properly entered prior to the show with the signature of both parent and child on the entry.
3. *A \$3.00 entry fee per rabbit and \$7.50 entry fee per meat rabbit pen.*
4. All stock must be owned by the exhibitor and must be permanently and clearly tattooed in the left ear. Assistance with tattooing is available.
5. Exhibitors need to be present during judging or make prior arrangements with show superintendent.
6. No exhibitor or parent is to confer with the judges about his/her rabbit while the class is in progress.
7. Definition of classes: **Senior** (A) rabbits six months of age and over in those breeds **Intermediate** - rabbits six months of age or over, and under eight months of age. **Junior** - rabbits less than six months of age.
8. It is suggested you bring your rabbits in carrying cages.
9. Breeding rabbits will be held to the Standards of Perfection set forth by the ARBA.
10. The possession date for rabbit meat pens is **December 21st**. Youth must have possession of rabbit and babies. Exhibitors will be allowed to show a total of 1 meat pen.
11. Meat pens will consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed and variety. Age limit will not exceed 70 days. Weight maximum is 5 pounds per rabbit. Weight minimum is 3 pounds per rabbit. No percentage tolerance in weight. If anyone rabbit in the pen is disqualified, then the whole pen is disqualified.

## **Health Certificates**

In an effort to stop the spread of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus and to prevent cases in our state the following Protocols have been implemented by Louisiana Department of Ag and Forestry Animal Health. LDAF will require Health papers/CVI's on **all rabbits attending a**

**show in Louisiana.** This includes out of state and in state rabbits attending a show in Louisiana. LDAF does not regulate rabbits leaving Louisiana to attend shows. You would have to call the state of destination to find out their regulations. Each state is different so a phone call will be necessary for each state.

### **BARN CLEAN UP DAY**

Livestock Barn Clean-up Day will be held on **January 7, 2023, 9:00AM – 1:00PM**. We ask that all exhibitors and their families attend to help set up the barn for the parish livestock show. Points will be awarded to youth participating that will go towards Parish Premier Exhibitor.

### **LIVESTOCK VET CLINIC**

**Vet Clinic Day** will be held at Dr. Troy Spencer's Office (Avoyelles Animal Clinic) on **Thursday January 5, 2023**, beginning at **8:00 a.m.** Contact the AgCenter office for more information.

### **RABBIT CLINIC**

The Rabbit Clinic will be held in conjunction with barn clean-up 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (**Saturday, January 7, 2022**). Rabbits will be tattooed and checked for health problems. *Must attend if rabbit is not already tattooed.*

### **CLINIC FEES**

Each exhibitor will be charged a clinic fee to cover hoof trimming, vaccinations, tattoos, and bleeding of birds. Fees collected will go back to the Avoyelles livestock program. Fees will be paid when exhibitors arrive at the clinic.

(\$20 cap)

**Cattle:** \$22/per head   **Goat/Sheep:** \$7/per head   **Rabbit:** \$3/per head   **Poultry:** \$2.00/per bird

### **CHECK-IN / STALL ASSIGNMENT**

Upon arrival at the Parish Show, all exhibitors must check-in with their active list of animals to be shown. After completion of check-in each animal will be assigned a stall number for where they need to occupy.

### **ENTRY FORMS**

All entry forms will be entered by the exhibitor through Fair Entry [Find Your Fair - FairEntry.com](https://www.fairentry.com). a link to Fair Entry can be found on the Avoyelles Parish 4-H Website under Livestock. There will be no more paper forms. All entries will be done through Fair Entry. If you are new to livestock or would like to update contact information, please fill out the **livestock exhibitor contact form** found [HERE](#)

### **FEE SUMMARY FORM**

Please include the fee summary form found [HERE](#) when turning in your entry form(s). Note that State Poultry exhibitor fees and entry fees are due with Parish/District fees.

### **STATE POULTRY AND BROILER SHOW**

Exhibitor and entry fees will be collected at the Avoyelles Parish Office for those participating at the State Livestock Show. The deadline for entering is **January 9th**.

### **PREMIERE EXHIBITOR**

Premiere exhibitor testing will take place January 9th – 13th at the Avoyelles Parish LSU AgCenter. Specific dates with species time slots will be announced in December.

# 2023 PARISH SHOW SCHEDULE

\*\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*

## Thursday, January 19th

4:30pm Barn Opens  
4:30pm Overnight Boarding for AM animals (optional)  
7:00pm Barn Closes (Security will be present)

## Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00am Barn Opens  
8:30am Dairy Roll Call  
9:00am Comm. Dairy weigh-in (All dairy must be in barn)  
9:30am Judge Dairy Show  
10:30am Goat & Sheep Roll Call  
11:00am Goat & Sheep weigh-in (All goat & sheep must be in barn)  
11:30am Judge Sheep Show – Breeding Sheep, Commercial Ewes, Market Lambs  
(Hampshire, Suffolk, Natural Color, Black Face Cross, White Face, White Face Cross), & Sheep Showmanship.  
1:00pm Judge Goat Show – Market Goat, Breeding, Commercial, & Goat Showmanship.  
4:00pm Swine & Cattle may arrive  
5:00pm Rabbit Roll Call  
5:30pm Poultry *may* enter barn (Exhibitor discretion)  
6:00pm Judge Rabbit Show  
6:15pm Comm. Cattle Roll Call weigh-in (All eligible cattle must be in barn)  
6:30pm Judge Rabbit Showmanship  
6:30pm Swine Roll Call  
6:45pm Swine weigh-in (All swine must be in barn)  
9:00pm Barn Closes (Security will be present)

## Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00am Barn Opens  
8:00am Exhibition Poultry Roll Call  
8:30am Judge Exhibition Poultry  
9:00am Judge Swine Show followed by Beef Show - **Breeding Swine Show**, followed by **Market Swine Show** (Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, AOB, Barrow, Crossbreds), & Swine Showmanship.  
**Beef Show**- Commercial Heifer, Beef Breeding, & Beef Showmanship.  
9:30am Live Auction  
10:30am Exhibition Poultry Showmanship  
12:00pm Barn Closes



*Showman's  
Code*

Lend a helping  
hand to the  
littles.  
You used to be  
one.



*Donations are accepted and appreciated to help offset overnight security expenses.*

## **CENTRAL DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOW**

The 2023 Central District Livestock Show (excluding poultry & rabbits) will take place at the Vernon Parish Police Jury Barn - 276 H.M. Stevens Blvd Leesville, La. February 1st – 4th. Central District Livestock Show schedule can be found [HERE](#)

### **District Entry Fee**

A fee of \$5.00 per exhibitor for rabbits and chickens and \$10.00 per exhibitor for cattle, goats, sheep and hogs are due at the time of parish entry deadline.

### **Poultry & Rabbit District Show**

The 2023 District Poultry and Rabbit Show will be held, at the State Evacuation Shelter – 8125 HWY 71 South Alexandria, La. Saturday, February 4th.

### **District Show Notes**

- All exhibitors are required to check in their animals at designated species time to be eligible to show in district show.
- Premier Exhibitor contest is open to exhibitors in 4th-12th grades.
- Market Champion animal exhibitors are required to obtain their own sponsor for the sale of champions for the district show. Please contact agent for further assistance.

### **Rabbit Show**

Rabbit should weigh 3-5.5 lbs. Rabbits must be tattooed in left ear by January 19, 2023. Fryer Rabbit Class shall consist of 1 rabbit not over 70 days of age weighing no less than 3 pounds and not over 5.5 pounds. Fryer entry shall consist of a recognized meat type breed. (Excluding lops) Each exhibitor must show their own fryer. Exhibitors must have possession of fryer 30 days prior to show.

### **Poultry Show**

Youth exhibitors must check-in birds at registration table and pen their own birds. Exhibitor may have assistance from parent/legal guardians or another 4-H member. Poultry Exhibitor must be present at the show for birds to be judged in the show.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS CERTIFICATION**

The Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program is an annual, web-based training required for all livestock exhibitors at LSU AgCenter livestock shows. There is a \$12 annual charge for each exhibitor. The certification number, found on each exhibitor's certificate which can be downloaded upon completion, will be a required field in Fair Entry and cross checked with reports from YQCA. The course can be found at [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org)

## **STATE RABBIT SHOW**

State Rabbit Show entries will be sent out after January 4. Please indicate on your entry form if you are interested in showing at the state show.

## **STATE LIVESTOCK SHOW, GONZALES – February 11th - 18th**

The 2023 State Livestock Show Schedule can be found [HERE](#)

### **2022 Approved Changes to Catalog**

- Charolais will now be shown in the AOB Beef Breeding due to continued low numbers across the state for the past three years.
- Breeding Sheep Ram Lamb class has been changed to include Rams born as late as



Oct. 31, 2021.

- An Aged Ewe Class has been added to the Commercial Ewe Show.
- Poultry Breeds and Varieties have been updated to reflect current APA Standards of Perfection.
- Registered Dairy Breeding Goats have been separated from Meat Goats in class structure and rules.
- Commercial Doe show is now split into two separate shows: Commercial Dairy Goat and Commercial Meat Goat. (The same color ear tags will still be used for both when validating)

### **Premier Exhibitor Contest**

Open to 9th-12th grade exhibitors. Applications are due **January 14<sup>th</sup>** to the Avoyelles Office to be forwarded to the State Office. General rules and Study Guide Resources are located on pages 32-33 of the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show Catalog. The application can be found [HERE](#)

### **Entry Fees**

All exhibitors will pay an (one time) exhibitor fee in the amount of **\$20.00 per animal** for exhibiting livestock at the 2023 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show. The fees will be collected at Lamar-Dixon when exhibitors up weigh cards for market animals and exhibitor cards for breeding animals in the designated show office and can be paid with a check, money order, or credit card (NO CASH ACCEPTED).

### **Swine**

All crossbred barrows show as barrow but breed barrows can show with their respective breed.

### **Sheep and Goats**

Per State-Federal Regulatory policy, all registered breeding sheep and goats must have an official USDA Scrapie Tag in their ear or may be identified with a tattoo. The tattoo must be typed on the original registration paper. Commercial Ewes and does must have an official USDA scrapie tag. All Breeding Sheep and Goats must have a flock or breeder tag, Tattoo, or Microchip that matches the Registration papers presented at the show to be eligible of exhibition.

### **Poultry**

All broiler (\$15.00/pen) and exhibition poultry exhibitor fees (\$5/bird) are due with the entry forms on **January 13, 2023**. (PAYABLE WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER).

## **RV PARKING FOR STATE LIVESTOCK SHOW**

Call Lamar Dixon (225) 621-1700 for reservation information. Mail payment to: Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, 9039 St. Landry Road, Gonzales, LA 70737.

# **AVOYELLES PARISH LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES**

1. LSU Livestock Show rules will be enforced at the parish show. District and State Show Rules with respect to entries, will apply to the parish show. LSU rules regarding possession dates will be adhered to and no animals may be purchased or replaced after possession date unless approved by the State Livestock Management Council.
2. The Avoyelles Parish Livestock Show reserves to the Livestock Advisory Board the final absolute rights to interpret, amend and add to the rules and regulations.
3. The Avoyelles Extension Agents have final authority and responsibility for interpretation and enforcement of rules during judging of the show.
4. **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.** The Officials of the Avoyelles Parish Livestock Show are dedicated to the promotion of high standards of competition, sportsmanship, ethics and fair play. Each exhibitor is expected to strictly follow these rules and to conduct himself or herself in a manner that will reflect respect upon the exhibitor, his or her school, organization, and parents. Any exhibitor or member of his/her family who violates and misrepresents Avoyelles Parish by misconduct or rule infraction at the Parish, District or State Livestock shows may have parish sale and other awards canceled.
5. **2023 Exhibitors/Families will be required to sign a Exhibitor Agreement form agreeing to follow all AgCenter COVID guidelines while participating in any LSU AgCenter sponsored livestock show.**
6. Open to bonafide 4-H and FFA members.
7. Exhibitors may be disqualified for any of the following:
  - A. Possession or use of illegal drugs and/or alcoholic beverages
  - B. Misuse or abuse of personal property (or facilities)
  - C. Disrespect for the authority of agents, Ag. Teachers or leaders
  - D. Disruptive or abusive behavior of exhibitors or family members to other participants or spectators.
8. **APPLICATION OF ENTRY.** All applications for entry must be made on forms provided by the 4-H Office. **Phone entries WILL NOT be accepted.**
9. **SIGNATURES.** All livestock exhibitors must have the required signatures (Exhibitor, AST / CEA and Parent or Guardian) on each entry form receipt.
10. In no case shall the livestock advisory board or extension staff be held responsible for any loss, damage or death, by disease or otherwise, to any person, property or exhibit while in route to, from or on exhibit grounds.
11. **Only registered breeding animals that have been properly transferred in the name of the junior exhibitor by that species' possession date will be allowed to show in their respective classes.**
12. All animals shown at the Parish Show are required to be validated by tag by the possession date for each species. If any animals are not tagged by these dates, they will be ineligible to show.  
**Scrapie Tags.** As per State-Federal Regulatory policy; all registered breeding sheep and goats must have an official USDA Scrapie Tag in their ear or must have a flock or breeder tag, tattoo, or Microchip that matches the Registration papers presented at the show to be eligible of exhibition.



13. Exhibitors must show their own animal(s) in the show. Hardship Form must be completed if exhibitor is unable to exhibit their own animals. Approved excuses are illness (with doctor's excuse) or a family emergency.
14. Health certificates are required on all animals to be exhibited. Exhibition poultry must be tested prior to parish show by a veterinarian and health papers issued for those birds testing negative for pullorum/typhoid and Avian Influenza. Parents and exhibitors are responsible for obtaining health certificates for all other health requirements including brucellosis testing and vaccinations. **\*Health Certificates issued must be valid through the State Livestock Show.**
15. Minimum and maximum market animal weight limitations are listed for each show.

SPECIES	PARISH/DISTRICT		STATE	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Market hog	185(P) 200(D)	285 with 5%tolerance	215	285 with 5%tolerance
Commercial Gilt	205	None		
Market lamb	80	None	80	none
Steer	850	None	850	none
Meat goat	50	None	50	none

16. All market animals will be weighed prior to judging. All animals must be stripped of all covers. Animals will be weighed only once. **If the weight of a market animal is questioned, reweighing must be done before leaving the official scale area.** Once weights are turned in they are not subject to be changed.
17. Rabbits will be entered by breed, sex, and age. They are classified as Junior, Intermediate or Senior animals by show officials. Breeds recognized by the ARBA and crossbred rabbits are eligible to be exhibited. Exhibitor may show three breeders per class.
18. **Exhibitors and guardians are required to keep their animals and exhibit area clean at all times.** Manure and other refuse are to be placed at either end of the cattle ties or sheep and hog pens or in trash bins during the parish show.
19. Livestock Advisory Committee reserves the right to disqualify any animals that have been unethically fitted or is ineligible by reason of age for exhibition in class entered. See LSU Livestock Show Catalog Rules Book.
20. Any mistreatment of animals will be considered grounds for disqualification.
21. **SALE OF ANIMAL.** The animal purchased by a sponsor must be the same animal delivered to the buyer or slaughterhouse. No replacement animals are allowed. Exhibitors are required to feed and care for all market animals sold for a minimum of 7 days after the last show it was exhibited.
22. **DISBURSEMENT OF MONEY.** Every effort will be made to pay the payments as soon as possible; however, payment cannot be guaranteed until the sponsors remit payment to the 4-H Office. **Sponsor checks will be issued beginning in April. Checks will not be mailed; they must be picked up at the 4-H Office by June 15 or money will be donated to the livestock show fund.**

23. **THANK YOU LETTER.** Every exhibitor who is eligible to sell their project in the Livestock Sale will be required to write a letter of appreciation to the purchaser of the project. Proof of the appreciation letter along with a stamped addressed envelope must be submitted to the 4-H Office prior to release of the auction payment to the exhibitor. The County Agent should receive the appreciation letter no later than **April 24**. Any exhibitor, who has not submitted proof of their Thank-You Letter to the supervising County Agent by this date, may forfeit his/her proceeds. The proceeds will be sent back to the buyer or donated to the livestock fund.