



DATE: May 26, 2017
TO: Potential Youth Livestock Exhibitors at 2017 State Fair of Virginia
FROM: Joi Saville, Extension Associate – Youth Livestock

We are working hard to prepare for the state youth livestock shows in Doswell again this fall and we hope that you will plan to join us! This letter contains important information and updates on fair rules and policies, as well as details of the nomination schedule for market lambs/commercial ewes, market goats/commercial does, and market beef/commercial heifers, and swine. Please share this information with any new exhibitors, particularly those in your club or county. More information pertaining to the fair can be found on the Youth Livestock web site at www.ext.vt.edu/youthlivestock or at the State Fair website (www.statefairva.org).

Updates for 2017

- 1) Dates: – All beef, sheep, swine and meat goats will show October 6 – 8, 2017; the second weekend of the State Fair. Note there have been a few changes to the show schedule, please see enclosed draft.
- 2) All market lambs/commercial ewes, market goats/commercial does, and market beef/commercial heifers must be nominated using the mid-late June nomination sites. All swine must be nominated using the process that is outlined in the enclosed informational letter entitled “State Fair of Virginia Hog Nomination Requirements”.
- 3) **Show Rules/Policy Updates (please see Rules posted online for complete details):**
 - a) Schedule- see enclosed schedule for significant changes that have been made.
 - b) Swine- The market hog show will not be terminal this year (sending swine to slaughter will be an option, exhibitors required to designate sale animals at the fair). Breeding gilt classes (commercial and registered) will be offered, and market barrows and gilts will show separately. Exhibitors must designate market vs. breeding gilts at nomination.
 - c) Market Lambs- A division for Natural Color lambs will be offered again this year. Separate class available for hair sheep market lambs (provided minimum entry requirements are met).
 - d) All commercial heifers must be nominated using the mid to late June nomination sites. Similar to 2016, the beef department will host a Prospect Division. This division is open to prospect steers and prospect heifers (to include both breeding and market heifers). Steers and heifers will be shown separately. Prospect breeding heifers and prospect market heifers will be shown together. A maximum weight limit is set for this division and an animal exceeding this weight will be disqualified from the show. Exhibitors not wanting to nominate heifer may show in the prospect division provided they meet the weight and age guidelines. These heifers will not be eligible for the heifer supreme champion scholarship.
 - e) Registered heifers must be owned and registered in a single youth’s name who plans to show the animal. **No joint ownership or farm names will be allowed in 2017.**
 - f) Nomination fees will not be charged in 2017. A \$10 per head entry fee will be charged to all animals at entry in August.
- 4) Entries: All entries for State Fair must be submitted online; entry information will be available in July at www.ext.vt.edu/youthlivestock. All beef, sheep, swine and meat goats will be required to be entered by August 15th!
- 5) Complete details of the show schedules, judges, policies and rules for each species will be posted at the youth livestock homepage (www.ext.vt.edu/youthlivestock). Please check this site for important changes and updates!

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Swine Nominations & Show

The Market Hog Show will not be terminal in 2017 (option to sell hogs will be provided- exhibitors must designate at the fair); and there will be a commercial/registered gilt show. All swine (market and breeding) must be nominated and identified using the instructions provided in the enclosed "State Fair of Virginia Hog Nomination Requirement" information letter. Designation of market vs. breeding gilts will be required at nomination. Identification and nomination must be completed and submitted by August 1, 2017 to be eligible for exhibition at the State Fair of Virginia (tags need to be requested not later than July 15).

Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe, Market Goat/Commercial Doe, and Market Beef/Commercial Heifer Nominations (see enclosed schedule)

Market lambs, commercial ewes, market goats, commercial does, market beef (steers and heifers) and all commercial heifers must be nominated and identified at an official site by July 1, 2017 to be eligible for exhibition at the State Fair of Virginia. All commercial heifers born September 1, 2015 to April 30, 2017 must be nominated at the mid-late June nomination site. Prospect heifers (both breeding and market heifers) born after January 1, 2017 are not required to be nominated. All prospect steers are NOT required to be nominated. Any prospect heifer not nominated will be ineligible for the supreme breeding heifer scholarships. All exhibitors are still eligible for the premier exhibitor scholarships.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. I hope you have a great summer!

Enclosure

2017 State Fair of Virginia Nomination Schedule

Nominations for lambs, goats, and beef for the 2017 State Fair of Virginia will take place at various locations around the state. All youth who plan to exhibit market lambs, commercial ewe lambs, market goats, commercial does, market steers/heifers, and/or commercial heifers, at the 2017 State Fair of Virginia **are required** to bring their animals to one of the following sites for identification:

Date & Time	Location (for directions please call site contact person)
<u>Northern Virginia Region-</u> Contact Person: Corey Childs, (540) 635-4549, cchilds@vt.edu	
Thursday, June 15 (MKT BEEF CALL AHEAD) 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Shenandoah County Fairgrounds Woodstock, VA
Monday, June 26 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Clarke County Fairgrounds Berryville, VA
<u>Shenandoah Valley Region -</u> Contact Person: John Benner, (540) 245-5750, benner89@vt.edu , Corey Childs, (540) 635-4549, cchilds@vt.edu	
Tuesday, June 13 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Jeff Slaven; Cattlemen's Supply 752 Burketown Road, Weyers Cave, VA
<u>Roanoke Valley Region-</u> Contact Person: Katherine Carter, carterke@vt.edu , Kate Lawrence, mcl87@vt.edu , (540) 473-8260	
Thursday, June 29 (PLEASE CALL AHEAD) 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard Hollins, VA
<u>New River Valley Region-</u> Contact Person: Joi Saville, (540) 231-2257, joi.saville@vt.edu	
Monday, June 19 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Virginia Tech Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena Blacksburg, VA
Saturday, June 24 (LAMBS/GOATS ONLY)	in conjunction with VA Youth Lamb/Goat Symposium Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena, Blacksburg, VA
<u>Southwest Virginia-</u> Contact Person: John Blankenship, (276) 988-0405, jblanken@vt.edu , Sam Leech, (276) 988-0405; spleech@vt.edu	
Friday, June 23 (MKT BEEF CALL AHEAD) 4:00- 6:00 p.m.	Tazewell County Fairgrounds Tazewell, VA
<u>Southwest Virginia Region-</u> Contact Person: Morgan Paulette, (540) 980-7761, paulette@vt.edu ,	
Thursday, June 22 (PLEASE CALL AHEAD) 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Southwest Virginia 4-H Center Abingdon, VA
Saturday, June 24 (LAMBS/GOATS ONLY)	in conjunction with VA Youth Lamb/Goat Symposium Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena, Blacksburg, VA
<u>Southside Virginia Region-</u> Contact Person: Todd Scott, (434) 332-9538, todds08@vt.edu ; Jaime Stowe, (434) 432-7770, jnstowe@vt.edu	
Wednesday, June 21 (MKT BEEF CALL AHEAD) 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Lynchburg Livestock Market Lynchburg, VA
<u>Tidewater Region-</u> Contact Person: Cynthia Gregg, (434) 848-2151, clgregg@vt.edu ; Jocelyn Pearson (757) 382-6612, jddailey@vt.edu	
Thursday, June 29 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Southern Piedmont Agricultural Research & Extension Center Livestock Unit, Blackstone, VA
Wednesday, June 14 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Lehman Farms Lehman Road, Chesapeake, VA
<u>Northern Neck Region</u> – Contact Person: Rachel Grosse, (804) 598-5640, rgrosse@vt.edu ;	
Tuesday, June 27 (PLEASE CALL AHEAD) 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. (YMQA training to be offered 6:00 – 7:00 PM)	The Meadow Event Park Doswell, VA

Nominations for swine need to follow the 2017 State Fair of Virginia Hog Nomination Requirements.

ALL HOGS are still required to be nominated in order to show.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

ARRIVAL/CHECK-IN/WEIGH SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 5, 2017

10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
6:00 – 7:00 PM
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Arrival/Check-in for Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Swine
Weigh-in/Check-in – Cattle (NO Market Beef)
Weigh-in/Check-in – Goats and Sheep

Friday, October 6, 2017

6:00 AM – 10:00 AM
10:00 AM
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Arrival/Check-in for Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Swine
All Livestock Must Be in Place
Weigh-in/Check-in – Goats and Sheep
Weigh-in/Grading – Market Steers/Market Heifers
Weigh-in/Check-in – Cattle (NO Market Beef)
CVI Check-in – Swine – At stall location
Weigh-in/Check-in – Swine

SHOW AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 5, 2017

10:00 AM
12:00 Midnight

Barns Open
Barns Close

Friday, October 6, 2017

5:00 AM
8:00 AM
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
12:45 PM
1:00 PM

2:15 PM
2:30 PM
7:00 PM

7:30 PM
12:00 Midnight

Barns Open
Registration – Skillathon Contests – Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Hogs
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Sheep/Goat Exhibitor Meeting (*Sheep/Goat Show Ring*)
Goat Showmanship*
Sheep Showmanship* (immediately following the Goat Showmanship)
Beef Exhibitor Meeting (*Beef Show Ring*)
Beef Showmanship*
Registered Doe Show, Commercial Doe Show (or immediately following Sheep Showmanship)
Market Heifer Show, Market Steer Show
Barns Close

Saturday, October 7, 2017

5:00 AM
9:00 AM
10:00 AM
10:30 AM
10:45 AM
11:00 AM
4:00 PM

6:30 PM
7:00 PM
12:00 Midnight

Barns Open
Market Goat Show
Prospect Steer Show, Prospect Heifer Show, Commercial Heifer Show
Market Lamb Show (immediately following Market Goat Show)
Swine Exhibitor Meeting
Market Hog Show
Lead Line Competition, Sheep/Goat Costume Contest (or immediately following the market lamb show)
Reception for Sale of Champions
Sale of Champions
Barns Close

Sunday, October 8, 2017

5:00 AM
10:00 AM

10:00 AM

10:00 AM

Barns Open
Breeding Sheep Show
Commercial Ewe Show
Simmental Show, Percentage Simmental Show, All Other Breeds Show, Angus Show, Hereford Show, Red Angus Show, Shorthorn Show,
Swine Showmanship*, Breeding Gilt Show

**All Showmanship classes will show in the order of Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Novice*

*****ALL ANIMALS ARE NOT RELEASED UNTIL 2:00 PM ON SUNDAY!**

2017 State Fair of Virginia Swine Nomination Requirements

Due to concerns regarding the spread of PEDv (Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus) in swine, the State Fair of Virginia nomination process for all swine will be conducted as it has been for the past 3 years. There will not be any official nominations sites for hogs; please see below for the **REQUIRED** method of nominating hogs to be eligible for show at the State Fair of Virginia. It is the **4-H member's RESPONSIBILITY** to complete all necessary steps by August 1, 2017. **We will not accept any late nominations.**

1. To obtain ear tags please **email** Joi Saville (joi.saville@vt.edu). Include in your email the number of tags required and the date planned for tagging the hogs. We will forward your request to a local Extension office and let you know where to obtain your tags. If youth/parents are uncomfortable with tagging the hogs, we will facilitate you working with your local Extension agent or closest site coordinator to make arrangements to tag swine.
 - a. **TAGGING REQUESTS MUST BE MADE BY JULY 15, 2017!**
2. Members/parents must apply one tag to one ear of each hog.
 - a. **ONLY** Allflex ear tag applicators will work. The local Extension office has a limited supply of taggers that may be checked out for a period of 24 hours. Please **disinfect** taggers and return them to the Extension office in a timely manner so that another family may use them.
 - b. An Extension fact sheet on how to properly apply an ear tag is available at <http://bit.ly/1ibNSTD>.
 - c. A YouTube video is also available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XMFdFUG2N0>.
3. **Two** photos of each hog nominated will need to be taken. Photos should be e-mailed to joi.saville@vt.edu (**NO LATER THAN August 1, 2017**). Photos may also be printed, **in color**, and mailed along with your nomination form.
 - a. **Please see the web site on acceptable pictures and proper format!**
 - b. One picture needs to show that the ear tag was properly applied. Make sure that the picture clearly indicates the ear tag number and as much of the hog as you can include.
 - c. The second picture needs to show a profile of the hog, so that all markings are clearly identified. This picture will be used in the event the hog loses its tag. IF THE HOG CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED (either by ear notch or picture), THEY WILL BECOME INELIGIBLE TO SHOW AT THE STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA.
 - d. If the hog has ear notches, and a picture can easily be taken, please include a picture of the notches, along with the other two pictures.
 - e. **PLEASE REMEMBER – Only one hog should be in each picture.** Each hog needs to be individually identified (i.e. if you have 3 hogs you will send us at least 6 pictures).
4. The nomination form will need to be filled out in its entirety, including ear notches, home tag, color, and any visible markings.
 - a. Submit the nomination form along with pictures, to Joi Saville with a postmark date no later than **AUGUST 1, 2017.**
 - b. Failure to submit nomination information by this date will result in **ineligibility** to exhibit swine at the State Fair of Virginia.

If you have any questions or concerns about the swine nomination method, please contact:

- Your Local Extension Agent
- Joi Saville – joi.saville@vt.edu; (540) 231-2257

Some key points about PEDv: *(information excerpted from porkcares.org and other sources)*

- PEDv is NOT a human health issue. Pork remains completely safe to eat.
- Currently there is no vaccine available to cure or prevent PEDv.
- The best guess is that the virus is spread by manure.
- PEDv only affects pigs. It poses no risk to other animals, humans or food safety.
- PEDv is not a new virus; it's been found in countries worldwide.
- The USDA, State Animal Health Officials, the American Association of Swine Veterinarians and veterinarians at the National Pork Board and the National Pork Producers Council are actively engaged in monitoring and continuing to manage this disease.
- Baby pigs are most affected by PEDv (death), although older pigs may exhibit flu-like symptoms with PEDv, along with potentially stunted growth.

Always practice safe biosecurity measures for your market hogs and all other project animals.

- Do not wear the same shoes and clothing around your pigs and those of someone else's.
- Monitor who visits your farm/home/pig housing area and make sure visitors follow the same precautions as above. This includes veterinarians, salesmen, service providers, etc.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect equipment, supplies, etc. that come onto your farm.

Additional information about PEDv and biosecurity measures is available from the National Pork Board. Web link: <http://bit.ly/1dNeOr3>.

A special fact sheet for exhibitors and/or sale animals is available <http://bit.ly/1dRtk5L>