



Southwest GA Regional Fair 2026 Livestock and Contest Schedule October 28 – November 1, 2026

1. **Wednesday, October 16**
 - a. **ENTRY DEADLINE NO LATE ENTRIES**
2. **Wednesday, October 28**
 - a. 8 am to 12 pm
 - i. Swine Arrive and Check in
 - b. 2pm
 - i. Swine show
3. **Thursday, October 29**
 - a. 8am to 12pm
 - i. Goats and Sheep Arrive and check in
 - ii. Cattle early arrival
 - b. 1pm
 - i. Goat show
 - c. 3pm
 - i. Sheep show
4. **Friday, October 30**
 - a. 10 am –
 - i. Livestock Judging Contest
 - ii. Floriculture ID Contest
 - iii. Creed Speaking Contest
 - iv. Wildlife ID Contest
 - v. Vet Science ID
5. **Saturday, October 31**
 - a. 8 am to 10 am
 - i. Cattle arrive and check in
 - b. 12 pm
 - i. Cattle Show

GENERAL RULES

1. All persons making entries should acquaint themselves with the rules and regulations found at www.exchangeclubfair.org.
2. Entries are open to Georgia, North Florida, Eastern Alabama 4-H and FFA members and online entries are available through <https://theshowportal.com/>
3. Entry fees are \$30.00 for all species.
4. Each exhibitor or his/her parent or guardian and agent/advisor shall sign the entry form stating the exhibitor has owned and cared for their livestock at least 60 days prior to the fair with the exception of prospect swine.
5. All purebreds must have registration papers in the name of the exhibitor with ownership date prior to September 1st.
 - a. No farm names
6. The show committee will determine classes as soon as possible after weigh in closes. There will be NO re-weighs. The committee's decision is final.
7. Livestock determined by the show committee to be UNFIT for showing or UNMANAGABLE will not be allowed to show.
8. No clipping or shaving allowed inside the barn unless the show committee determines inclement weather conditions.
9. All animals will be bedded with wood shavings provided once by the fair association. Exhibitors may provide extra shavings if they desire more bedding for their animals.
10. All shows will begin promptly at specified times.

11. All exhibitors must be present and in the ring at the time of judging, unless otherwise granted by the show committee.
12. All exhibitors must show his/her own animal in showmanship.
13. In the event a weight class has less than five (5) entries, the show committee will determine/adjust the distribution and amount of premiums.
No Exceptions.
14. All animals will be released at the end of each show, but will not be loaded during an on-going show unless otherwise specified by species show rules.
15. Refer to specific animal sections for additional rules and information.
16. An exhibitor and their animals may be disqualified for the following:
 - a. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, exhibitors, show committee, weigh-in personnel, grievance committee, and other show officials or any conduct detrimental to the show.
 - b. Failure to properly care for animals while at the show grounds to include feeding/water, bedding, and handling deemed appropriate by the show committee and veterinarian if needed.
 - c. Failure to properly enter all species on dates assigned by the Southwest Georgia Regional Fair Livestock Show in accordance with the official rules and regulations specified.

SWINE

1. Swine will be checked in and weighed by the show committee from 8 am to 12 pm on Wednesday. There will be no re-weighs.
2. Show will start at 2pm on Wednesday
3. NO clipping at the fair grounds
4. No fitting, No paint or dye, only clear oil and water.
5. Swine will be penned two (2) per pen minimum. **NO exceptions. Exhibitors provide their own dividers.**
6. Each exhibitor can show up to 4 head of swine in the Market and Breeding Gilt show but no more than 2 market hogs. Also, an exhibitor may show an additional 3 prospect pigs.
7. Entries are open only to Georgia, North Florida, Eastern Alabama 4-H and FFA members and pre-club (pre club students must be able to show their animals without any assistance)

PUREBRED GILTS

1. All registered breeds of swine are eligible for the following classes and premiums
2. **provided there are seven (7) or more entries per breed**; otherwise, the breeds will be shown together in Other Breeds class.
3. Gilts farrowed in February, March, and April of **2026** are eligible for the show.
4. All registered gilts must be registered in the exhibitor's name before **September 1, 2026.**

COMMERCIAL GILTS

1. All gilts will be weighed and classed by weight upon arrival. Commercial gilts must weigh 220 lbs – 350 lbs.
2. All commercial gilts must have an ear tag that matches the entry form.

MARKET SWINE

1. Entries may be barrows or gilts and must have an ear tag that matches the entry form.
2. Entries that are lighter than 200 lbs. and heavier than 290 lbs., castrated late, or not of show caliber will be eliminated by the show committee.
3. No more than 2 market swine can be entered by an exhibitor in the show.
4. All hogs will be weighed individually upon arrival, inspected by the show committee and assigned to a class. There will be no re-weighs.
5. All market hogs will be shown in equal classes divided by weight.
6. This is a **non-Terminal** show, and hogs may be loaded out during the show after exhibitors have finished showing. The show committee reserves the right to stop this process if it begins to interfere with the flow of animals to the show arena.

PROSPECT PIGS

1. Exhibitors can show 3 prospect pigs in addition to the Breeding Gilts and Market Swine.
2. Pigs must weigh 199 pounds and down.
3. Barrows and Gilts will show together.

4. Classes will be split according to numbers. Prospect pigs can show in regular Swine Showmanship.

5. ***Payout will be issued based on premium availability.***

Supreme Champion Breeding Gilt Traveling Trophy

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Breeding gilts and market swine will compete together in showmanship

Class 1: Pre-school - 2

Class 2: Grades 3-4

Class 3: Grades 5-6

Class 4: Grades 7-8

Class 5: Grades 9-10

Class 6: Grades 11-12

MARKET GOATS

1. Goats will be weighed by the show committee from 8 am to 12 pm on **Thursday**. There will be no re-weighs.
2. Goats must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued along Georgia guidelines for youth exhibits. All goats, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock of origin (scrapie tag). The following information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection on all goats, including wethers: "To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of foot rot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (sore mouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."
3. Goats will be classed and shown by weight according to the show committee at their discretion.
4. **The goat show will start at 1 pm on Thursday.**
5. Market Goat classes are open only to Georgia, North Florida, Eastern Alabama 4-H and FFA members, and pre-club (Pre club students must be able to show their animals without any assistance)
6. This show is open to any breed or cross breed doe or wether. No bucks.
7. Each exhibitor may enter four market goats.
8. All goats must be carrying their milk teeth.
9. All goats must have an ear tag or tattoo.
10. A pre-club goat showmanship class will be held at the beginning of the goat show. No registration required. Exhibitors must be younger than **1st grade**. Trophy only.
11. ***Payout will be issued based on premium availability.***

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Class 1: Pre-school - 2
Class 2: Grades 3-4
Class 3: Grades 5-6

Class 4: Grades 7-8
Class 5: Grades 9-10
Class 6: Grades 11-12

LAMBS

1. Lambs will be weighed by the show committee from 8 am to 12 pm on **Thursday**. There will be no re-weighs.
2. Sheep must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued along Georgia guidelines for youth exhibits. All sheep, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock of origin (scrapie tag). The following information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection on all sheep, including wethers: "To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."
3. Lambs will be classed and shown by weight according to the show committee at their discretion.
 - a. Hair Breeds will be a separate class if **5 or more** are in the show.
 - b. Wool and Hair Breeds will show together for Grand and Reserve Champions.
4. **The show will start at 3 p.m. on Thursday.**
5. Market sheep classes are open only to Georgia, North Florida, Eastern Alabama 4-H and FFA members, and pre-club (Pre club students must be able to show their animals without any assistance)
6. Each exhibitor may enter four 4 lambs.
7. Entries must be wethers or ewe lambs. No rams.
H. All lambs must be trained for showing.
8. All entries must have their tails docked.
9. J. All lambs must weigh a minimum of 75 pounds.
10. Lambs will be shown in short fleece. (1/2" or less)
11. A pre-club lamb showmanship class will be held at the beginning of the lamb show. No registration required. Exhibitors must be younger than **1st grade**. Trophy only.
12. ***Payout will be issued based on premium availability.***

LAMB SHOWMANSHIP

Class 1: Pre-school - 2

Class 2: Grades 3-4

Class 3: Grades 5-6

Class 4: Grades 7-8

Class 5: Grades 9-10

Class 6: Grades 11-12

CATTLE

1. Cattle weigh in will be from 8am to 10am on Saturday. No re-weighs.
2. Must be 9 years old by September 1, 2026 and in the 4th grade
3. All cattle must be halter broke.
4. Cattle classes are open only to Georgia, North Florida, Eastern Alabama 4-H and FFA members, and pre-club (Pre club students must be able to show their animals without any assistance)
5. Each exhibitor can show up to six heifers and four steers.
6. **Stall assignments will be made at check in. See show committee for assignments.**

REGISTERED HEIFERS

1. Must be registered in exhibitor name by September 1, 2026.
2. Registered heifers will be split by British and Continental breeds if there are **5 of each group**, and then classed by age at the show committee discretion. Heifers must be Born after January 1, 2024

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

1. Heifers will be weighed upon arrival and there will be no re-weighs.
2. Heifers will be classed and shown by weight according to the show committee at their discretion.
3. All commercial heifers must be born on or after January 1, 2025.
4. All commercial heifers must have an ear tag that matches with the ear tag recorded on the entry form. NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. ***Payout will be issued based on premium availability.***

STEERS

1. All steers must have an ear tag that matches with the ear tag recorded on the entry form.
 - a. NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. Steers will be weighed upon arrival and there will be no re-weighs.
3. Steer will be classed and shown by weight according to the show committee at their discretion.
4. ***Payout will be issued based on premium availability.***

CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP

Heifers and steers will compete in showmanship together

Class 1: Grades 4-6
Class 2: Grades 7-8

Class 4: Grades 9-10
Class 5: Grades 11-12

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Friday

Registration: 9:30pm

Orientation Begins: 10pm

1. The contest is open for teams in Georgia.
2. FFA and 4-H will compete together. The contest will follow State FFA CDE guidelines as closely as animal availability will allow.
3. All chapters and clubs entering a livestock judging team must be entered by ***October 23***.
4. Each county or school may enter two senior teams (9th grade and above) with four
5. members per team and two junior teams (9th grade and below) with four members per team.
 - a. The top 3 team member scores will be used in computing the team score.
 - b. Breeding and market Cattle, Swine, Sheep and Goats will be judged according to animal availability.
 - c. Buses will need to enter the Livestock/Commercial Gate located on Oakridge Drive and then turn **Left** through a gate to park in the large parking lot.

Team Awards

1st \$40.00

2nd \$30.00

Individual Awards

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00