

Richmond County Fair Association
Open & Youth Livestock Show Rules

1. The open show is open to participants of any age. The youth show is open to participants 5-19 years of age. You may participate in one or both shows. Please select appropriately on the entry form.
2. There is a \$5 entry fee per animal, per show, for which you plan to participate in. Payable to Richmond Co Fair (**This fee is non-refundable**).
3. **All entries are due by June 13, 2026.** If postmarked after June 13th entries will be accepted, only if space allows. Space is limited and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, and upon approval from the livestock coordinator.
4. Entry forms must be filled in completely. Incomplete forms may cause the entry to be voided and result in forfeiture of the entry fee.
5. Mail completed entry forms and payment to: Richmond County Fair, Livestock Show, % Michelle Harris, 3179 Dodlyt Rd Heathsville Va 22473
6. Livestock entry into fairgrounds: all livestock will enter through the far end of the fairgrounds near the ballpark. There will be a check-in area set up at the gate during check in times.
7. **All youth show animals must be checked in 1-5pm Tuesday July 14, 2026. All animals will remain on the fairgrounds through Saturday July 18, 2026.**
8. **There will be a mandatory exhibitor meeting, Tuesday July 14th at 5pm, for all youth exhibitors.**
9. **All open show animals (open only) must be on the grounds by 11am Saturday July 18, 2026. Animals may come in on Tuesday as well (if space allows) and remain in place through Saturday.**
10. **ALL livestock must be free of disease and or illness.**
11. A "certificate of veterinary inspection" declaring the animal is free from disease and/or illness is required.

12. All animals must remain in the hauling vehicle until inspection is completed.
13. All animals must have an EID tag or scrapie tag and birth dates listed on entry form. This is mandatory for all entries.
14. Youth Shows will be held in the evenings during fair hours with different species each night. Cattle and hogs show Wednesday, July 15th at 7pm, and Lambs, Dairy Goats and Goats Thursday, July 16th at 6:30pm.
15. The Open show will consist of Cattle, sheep, goats, dairy goats and swine shows & **will** take place Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 2pm.
16. State Fair judging rules apply. The decisions of the judges are final.
17. Exhibitors will be responsible for extra bedding if needed.
18. There is electricity at the livestock tent for fans. Please bring your own extension cords for these purposes. Also, if you plan to fit your animal at your trailer plan accordingly and bring a generator.
19. Each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning up any bedding materials used in their stalling area, trailer, or holding pens, before exiting the fairgrounds.
20. Only animals officially entered for exhibition are allowed on the event grounds. Non-exhibiting animals are not permitted on the grounds.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN AN ACTIVITY WAIVER & THE PAVILION GENERAL RULES BEFORE PARTICIPATING. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHECK IN, IF NEEDED.

WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK (PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR MINORS)

I, _____ (“Parent or Guardian of Participant”) enter into this agreement (“Agreement”) Richmond County Fair Association as a condition of _____’s (“Participant(s)”) participation in and/or attendance at the Richmond County Fair (the “Event”).

MEDIA: I hereby give permission to the rights of images/video taken of my property or myself, likeness and sound of my voice as recorded on audio or video tape without payment or any other consideration. I understand that the images or videos may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed, and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product. I also understand that any material may be used for the following purposes, including but not limited to: Social Media, Websites, Displays, Informational Documents, and Banners.

WAIVER: I agree that Richmond County Fair Association and its affiliates and each of their past, present and future owners (direct and indirect), officials, officers, directors, employees, and agents, and each of their successors and assigns (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Releasees”) shall not be responsible for any damage, loss, illness (including but not limited to COVID-19) or injury that

Participant(s) may suffer in connection with the Event. I waive all rights and covenant not to sue any Releasee for any damage, loss, illness (including but not limited to COVID-19) or injury that Participant(s) may suffer in connection with the Event—whether caused by the negligence or improper conduct of Releasees, third parties, or otherwise.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand the inherent risk and danger of the Event and the potential for injury and disease transmission (including the transmission of COVID-19) that exists when participating in or attending the Event. I assume all risk of and responsibility for any injury, illness, death, property damage, or property loss that Participant(s) may suffer in connection with Participant(s)’s participation in and/or attendance at the Event — whether caused by the negligence or improper conduct of Releasees, third parties, or otherwise. If Participant(s) become ill or injured during the Event, Releasees shall not be liable for any consequences of Releasees’ medical treatment of Participant(s) or Releasees’ decision(s) relating to Participant(s)’s medical treatment.

AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY: I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from and against any and all costs, expenses, damages, claims, lawsuits, judgments, settlements, losses, and/or liabilities (including attorney fees, consultant fees, animal sampling and testing costs, and court fees) suffered by the Releasees as a result of (1) any damage, loss, illness (including but not limited to COVID-19) or injury that Participant(s) may suffer in connection with the Event; (2) Participant(s) actual or alleged conduct in connection with the Event, including without limitation any violation of Association rules or regulations; or (3) Participant(s)’s actual or alleged contraction or transmission of COVID-19 in connection with the Event.

MISCELLANEOUS: This agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by applicable law. If any portion thereof is held invalid, the balance will continue in full legal force and effect. This agreement is governed by and is to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Virginia, without regard to conflict of laws principles. The state and federal courts for Richmond Co, Va will be the sole jurisdiction for all disputes.

REPRESENTATIONS: I have had a full opportunity to ask questions regarding the Event. I represent that Participant(s) is (are) in good physical condition, is (are) physically fit to participate in the Event, and has (have) no illness or medical condition that poses risk of harm or disability to Participant(s) or others.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS ITS TERMS. BY SIGNING THIS

AGREEMENT, I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.

I VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREE THAT NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OR INDUCEMENT CONTRARY TO THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, IN THE EVENT OF MY DEATH OR INCAPACITY, THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE AND BINDING UPON MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

Printed Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Date

RICHMOND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION AGRICULTURE PAVILION GENERAL RULES

To help create a safe, respectful, and family-friendly environment for all participants, animals, and guests, please follow these rules:

1. No solicitation of any kind for any reason.
2. Appropriate clothing and attire must be worn at all times.
3. Open-toed shoes are not permitted while handling animals.
4. Parking is allowed in designated areas only.
5. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are strictly prohibited.
Anyone suspected of using prohibited substances will be asked to leave immediately and will forfeit participation in any remaining fair activities.
6. The use of profanity, obscene language, or disrespectful behavior is not permitted at any time.
7. Horseplay or unsafe behavior, including pushing or rough housing, is prohibited.
8. For the safety of all participants and animals, only animals being exhibited may be brought onto the event grounds.
9. Violations of these rules may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the event or fairgrounds, at the discretion of the Livestock Coordinator.

For additional information contact Michelle Harris @ (804)724-0032

RICHMOND COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK

Species	Class	Description
Sheep	S2020C S2021M S2022 R	Commercial Ewe (under 2 years of age) Market Lamb (approx. 90 150 lbs.) Ram Lamb (under 2 years of age) Ribbon only
Goats	G2021C G2022M G2023BG	Commercial Doe (under 2 years of age) Market Goat (min. 45 lbs) Billy Goat (under 2 years of age) Ribbon only
Beef Cattle	82021 M B2022F B2023C <u>HEIFERS:</u> Sr yearling Intermediate JR yearling Fall heifer Early spring	Market Steer/heifer (min. Wt. 1000 lbs.) Feeder Steer/heifer (300- 1000 lbs.) Cow calf pair (ribbon only) DOB: SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2024 DOB: JANUARY - APRIL 2025 DOB: MAY - AUGUST 2025 DOB: AUGUST- DECEMBER 2025 DOB: JANUARY - APRIL 2026
Swine	S2020M	Market Hog
Costume contest (all species)	CCAS	Immediately following the open livestock Show classes.

- **All** market classes may be divided by weight, if not already specified as needed.
- All breeding classes may be divided by age and breed as needed.
- All participants are automatically entered in showmanship.

Richmond County Fair
Open & Youth livestock Show entryForm

Deadline is June 13, 2026

\$5 Entry fee per animal /show- non-refundable

Payable to: Richmond Co Fair

Mail to: Richmond Co Fair, %Michelle Harris

3179 Dodlyt Rd Heathsville Va 22473

Name of exhibitor: _____ Tshirt size: ____ _

Mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

DOB: _____ Age: _____ County: _____

Both _____ Open Show _____ Youth Show _____

Class#	Class description	Ear tag	DOB	<i>Breed</i>	<i>Approximate weight</i>