

# RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE: CHANGE for 2010\*\*\***

The Farm Show has decided NOT to mail premium (prize) checks this year. If your item earned a ribbon, you earned a cash award. If you cannot pick up your check Saturday evening or Sunday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., please drop off a long (#10) self-addressed stamped envelope in the Farm Show office before or during show week.  
**CHECKS NOT CASHED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE SHOW WILL BECOME NULL AND VOID.**

1. The Board of Directors of the Butler Farm Show has the right to accept or refuse any entries.
2. All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of Butler Farm Show. The show management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.
3. **NO alcoholic beverages, drugs, dogs or pets permitted on the grounds. (Only seeing eye dogs will be admitted.) Persons using alcohol or other controlled substances will be expelled from the grounds. Minors caught drinking will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.**
4. Exhibitors will comply with all directions given by a Director, Farm Show Official or any police or security officer. Failure to immediately comply with the directions will be cause for the exhibitor to be disqualified and be prohibited from entering any future Butler Farm Show exhibitions or showings.
5. **Violations of the rules or conduct contrary to the best interest of the Butler Farm Show will not be permitted. Exhibitors or others who persist in such violations or conduct will be asked to remove their exhibits and to leave the grounds. No fees or charges will be refunded and premiums will not be paid in such cases.**
6. **The exhibitor agrees to and shall assume all risks of bodily injury to animals or damage to any property.**
7. **If you have exhibited in any department in the last seven years, you already have an exhibitor's number. Your exhibitor's number starts with the initial of your last name. This letter must be included when you write your number. Use the same exhibitor's number for everything you enter in every department.**
8. All exhibits and exhibitors will be ready at 9:00 a.m. on the first day of show.
9. Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from injury and damage, but the show cannot, in any way, be held responsible for accidents, loss or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss.

10. Exhibits and/or exhibitors leaving the show early will NOT receive premium checks; they will FORFEIT all award money.
11. Premiums as listed may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. Same rule applies where there are fewer entries in any class than the number of premiums offered. The judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit deserves. Placement and premium on single entries in a class will be determined by the judge.
12. **The show reserves the right to determine how many entries they will accept from any exhibitor in the same class or, in the case of livestock, the same species.**
13. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of judging, is proven. In that case, such person(s) as the Board of Directors may appoint will make the decision.
14. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to present a plainly-marked entry tab showing the name of the exhibit they are entering. Any item entered improperly will be disqualified to receive a prize, but the judges will mark the correct name of the entry on the tag for the benefit of the owner. If award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate, free of charge, at the close of the show.
15. Committees reserve the right to refuse any entry. Furthermore, the committees reserve the right to bar from competition animals, vegetables, flowers, poultry products and home-produced articles of decidedly inferior quality and/or those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition.
16. **If the show management believes that any exhibits were made in previous years or not made by the exhibitor, those exhibits may be refused or disqualified.**
17. The show management may, at any time, order the removal of any exhibit or part of exhibit in bad condition, and any article unfit to show may be excluded. Exhibits may NOT be removed at any time before the close of the show except by consent of the management. **Removal of an exhibit without consent of the department superintendent will forfeit all premiums.**
18. During the judging, buildings, except livestock arenas, are closed to everyone except fair officials, judges, and necessary attendants. An exhibitor or his/her agent shall NOT communicate with the judge during time of determining the awards, except to answer questions proposed by the judges. Any exhibitor interfering with the judge while making awards shall forfeit any premiums to which he would otherwise be entitled.

**ATTENTION EXHIBITORS:  
DO NOT USE SCREWS, STAPLES, NAILS, OR  
HARDWARE OF ANY TYPE ON THE TENT POLES.**

# RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS

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**A CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE is a free service provided by most insurance companies. Call your company before July 14, give them the dates of the Farm Show, and they will fax us (724-482-9118) a certificate showing that you have current liability insurance.**

1. Refer to General Rules on the previous pages and Health Rules for each species on the following pages. **Animals will NOT BE ADMITTED to the Farm Show unless these health requirements have been fulfilled.**
2. **The department superintendents have the final judgment in resolving any and all disputes.**
3. Exhibitors are expected to display their animals as directed by the committee; accept the stall assignment without controversy; keep their animals in an attractive appearance; and cooperate in every way that may serve to increase the educational value of the show.
4. Animals with horns will NOT be shown or displayed at the Butler Farm Show.
5. **All livestock entries and fees must be submitted to the Farm Show secretary by July 14. All livestock exhibitors MUST provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance and a Vet/Client Form (provided in the back of this book) with the entry form and fees.**
6. Entry fees are NOT refundable.
7. The Livestock Committee or designated representative is responsible for checking all Certificates of Veterinary Inspections & Vet-Client Relationship Forms.
8. Feed and bedding must be furnished by the exhibitors.
9. Livestock breeding and market animals will NOT be accepted before 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 8, but they must be in the stalls/barns by 5:00 p.m. that day. They must remain until 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 14.
10. **Exhibits and/or exhibitors leaving the show early will NOT receive premium checks; they will FORFEIT all award money.**
11. All market **beef and lambs** must be slick sheared (1/4" maximum hair length) before they are unloaded from the trailer on Sunday. **The decision of the slick-shear committee is FINAL.**
12. All breeding stock entries (open or junior beef, swine, sheep) must have health, registration, and identification papers ready at pens on Sunday at 9:00 p.m. **Identification numbers on registration papers, health papers, tattoos and/or ear tags must match.**

13. **Animal registration papers for all livestock must be officially transferred into the exhibitor's name 30 days prior to the show unless otherwise specified by the department. i.e. Rabbits must be owned 60 days prior to this year's show.**
14. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing when their animals will be judged. Stock must be in the ring promptly when called. Late entries will not be allowed to enter the ring and will be out of competition. Decorations with ribbons or ornaments previously won by animals are prohibited until after the awards have been made in their respective classes by the judges.
15. Overfitting of cattle will be discriminated against. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify it from competition.
16. Be sure to use only grooming products that are approved for use on market and dairy animals when fitting your cattle for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the meat or milk. If you are not certain that a product is residue safe and approved for use on meat or dairy animals, **do not use it! IMPORTANT!** If upon slaughter, treatment with drugs, biologics or any chemical from fitting products is the cause of condemnation of a carcass, the loss of the carcass and any other damages will be borne by the exhibitor.
17. **Interference with judges will not be tolerated. Interfering exhibitors, including immediate family members, will be barred from competition.** The only people ALLOWED in the ring during judging are the judge, breed chairman, and necessary attendants.
18. Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals earning the lower prizes will move into the next higher position if, in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.
19. When on exhibition in the ring, each animal must be under halter and in charge of the owner or employee.
20. Any animal of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition, or which cannot be satisfactorily handled under show conditions must be removed from the show grounds.
21. Every exhibit accepted for premiums must be clearly labeled. The breed name must be shown on cards large enough to be readily identified by the viewers, or if the livestock is grouped together according to breed, one large sign to designate the group will be satisfactory. However, the award ribbons must be placed on the stall or pen of the individual winners for the duration of the show. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in forfeiture of premiums. It will be the duty of the show officials to see that this regulation is followed. If award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate, free of charge, at the close of the show.
22. Each person exhibiting livestock will be issued one exhibitor's pass.
23. **Open exhibitors are limited to two paid entries per class per exhibitor.**
24. **The Committee reserves the right to reject entries once the stall space allotments have been filled.**

See State & National Code of Ethics on page 31.