

Special Awards for the 2025 Open Livestock Department

This is not a fully inclusive list – updates to the guidebook will stop after May 15th. All special awards provided after this deadline will be available for review on our website.

Open Livestock Special Award Sponsors:

Humboldt County Farm Bureau	Beef Cattle: Judge's Choice - \$25 Cash Prize
Humboldt County Farm Bureau	Dairy Goats: Best of Show – \$25 Cash Prize
Humboldt County Farm Bureau	Meat Goats: Supreme Champion Doe – \$25 Cash Prize
Humboldt County Farm Bureau	Sheep: Supreme Champion Ewe – \$25 Cash Prize

Changes for the 2025 Fair

Wristbands:

The wristbands program has been changed – please review the wristbands page on our competitive exhibits page at humboldtcountyfair.org. Wristbands are no longer available for purchase outside of ShoWorks.

Changes to the 2025 State Rules for California Fairs

These changes are an update to the 2025 State Rules for California Fairs and is applicable to the 2025 Humboldt County Fair:

1. Animal projects may NOT be shown by another person at ANY other show/jackpot regardless of the other shows' rules, within the animal's ownership period. The official ownership date is the date shown on the receipt of sale unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor. The days are counted prior to the opening day of the fair unless the event in the case of horse shows is held separately from the Fair. Ownership must be maintained through show date(s) of fair or event.
2. No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class using American judging system. When an exhibitor earns more than two awards in a class, the exhibitor will receive the two highest cash awards, and the lesser cash awards will be moved down the placings to other exhibitors; ribbons will be awarded as placed.

Poultry and Dairy Shows:

On January 7, 2025, the California State Veterinarian issued a statewide ban on the exhibition of poultry and dairy cattle at fairs and shows due to the continued spread of H5N1 Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) among dairy herds and domestic poultry populations.

In response, the Humboldt County Fair Association is applying for an exemption to hold a modified show at least 14 days before or after the Fair, scheduled for August 16–24, 2025. Updates on the status of this exemption request will be posted on our website at www.humboldtcountyfair.org.

Divisions, Classes, and Awards:

The Exhibitor Guidebook no longer lists events and schedules. These documents can be found on our Humboldt County Fair website under the Annual Fair section. If you need assistance, you may contact the Fair Business Office or your department's superintendent.

Cattle, Beef

Entry Close Date:	7/14/2025	Entry Fee:	\$7.00
		Entry Release:	8/17/2025 at 5:00 pm
Judging Schedule:	Review the Livestock Schedule for all show schedules.		
Exhibitor's Warning:	Vehicles left on grounds past 10 am will be towed at owner's expense.		

Winning Prizes and Awards:

Humboldt County Fair Issued Premiums:	Premiums awarded per class as follows: 1 st Place: \$50.00, 2 nd Place: \$40.00, 3 rd Place: \$35.00, 4 th Place: \$30.00, 5 th Place: \$25.00 Champion Female: \$50.00, Reserve Champion Female: \$25.00
Additional Special Awards or Premiums:	Visit our website to see up-to-date Special Awards as confirmed by members of the community.

Additional Rules & Guidelines

1. Division 683 is limited to crossbred or unregistered females only. By his/her signature as owner/agent on the entry form the exhibitor certifies that the sire of each animal entered in this division was either purebred or registered. A permanent ear tag or tattoo number is required. Animals that have been registered by a purebred breed association cannot be entered or exhibited in this division.
2. Divisions 680-683, Class 10:
 - a. Cow must be natural mother and calf must be nursing.
 - b. Cow not eligible for other classes, including groups and champions.

Division 680: Angus

Division 682: All Other Breeds

Class	1	Junior Heifer Calf, born on or Jan 2025
	3	Senior Heifer Calf, born Sep – Oct 2024
	5	Spring Yearling, born Mar – Apr 2024
	7	Senior Yearling Heifer, Early Born Aug – Dec 2023
	9	Pair of Females, Two females bred by exhibitor
	13	Junior Bull Calf, Born on or after Jan 1 2025
	15	Senior Bull Calf, Born Sep - Oct 2024

Division 681: Hereford

Division 683: Commercial Beef

2	Winter Heifer Calf, born Nov – Dec 2024
4	Summer Yearling Heifer, born May - Aug 2024
6	Junior Yearling Heifer born Jan – Feb 2024
8	Senior Yearling Heifer, Late Born Mar – July 2024
10	Aged/Cow/Calf Pair, Cow Born prior to Mar 2024 with calf at side
14	Winter Bull Calf, Born Nov - Dec 2024
16	Summer Yearling Bull, Born May - Aug 2024

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| 17 | Spring Yearling Bull, Born Mar - Apr 2024 | 18 | Junior Yearling Bull, Born Jan - Feb 2024 |
| 19 | Senior Yearling Bull-Early,
Born Aug to Dec 2023 | 20 | Senior Yearling Bull-Late
Born Mar - Jul 2024 |

Goat, Boer

Entry Close Date:	7/14/2025	Entry Fee:	\$7.00
Entry Limitations:	No Entry Limitations	Entry Release:	8/17/2025 at 5:00 pm
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Winning Prizes and Awards:

Humboldt County Fair Issued Premiums:	Premiums awarded per class as follows: 1 st Place: \$20.00, 2 nd Place: \$15.00, 3 rd Place: \$12.00, 4 th Place: \$8.00, 5 th Place: \$5.00
Additional Special Awards or Premiums:	Visit our website to see up-to-date Special Awards as confirmed by members of the community.

Additional Definitions, Rules & Guidelines:

1. This show is pending Sanction approval – please check back for updates.
2. No pre-registration needed for Open Showmanship Class - Sign up at Check-in
3. Breed standards and show rules of American Boer Goat Association shall govern provided they do not conflict with rules and regulations prescribed by CA Department of Food and Agriculture.
4. Only ABGA registered goats may be shown in divisions 420, 421, 423
5. Animals with pending registration numbers at time of entry must have registration papers & numbers at check-in.
6. With approval of judge and show chairman classes and/or junior and senior divisions may be combined, separated or divided to allow for sanctions and working of class.
7. Does 9 to 12 months of age who have produced kids by natural birth must be shown as senior does. Does over 24 months which have not produced kids by natural birth cannot be shown.
8. Animals with natural horns, disbudded or dehorned may be shown without discrimination in Divisions 420 & 422.
9. Must have natural horns in Divisions 421 & 423.
10. First place blue ribbon from all age classes shall compete for champion in a combined division. Reserve champion shall be selected from the animals remaining in the champion class.
11. Goats from scrapie non-compliant flocks or animals that are scrapie positive or scrapie suspects will not be accepted at the Fair. For further info phone USDA at 877-741-3690.
12. All animals must be tagged or tattooed prior to arrival at Fair.
13. Please allow for a minimum of 2 goats per pen – No companion animals.
14. Choice of Champion and Reserve for Divisions 420, 421, 422, & 423 will be determined by the age of the goat and will only be considered from the classes as follows:
 - a. Junior: Classes 1 to 4
 - b. Yearling: Classes 5-7
 - c. Senior: Classes 8 and 9

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d. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion: Classes 1-9

Division 420: Does – Percentage (1/2, 3/4, 7/8, Blood)**Division 422:** Does – Commercial (Not Sanctioned)

Class	1	Kid, 0 - Under 3 Months of Age
	3	Kid, 6 - Under 9 Months of Age
	5	Yearling, 12 - Under 16 Months of Age
	7	Yearling, 20 - Under 24 Months of Age
	9	Aged, 36 Month of Age and Older

Division 421: Does – Fullblood/Purebred**Division 423:** Bucks – Fullblood/Purebred

2	Kid, 3 - Under 6 Months of Age
4	Kid, 9 - Under 12 Months of Age
6	Yearling, 16 - Under 20 Months of Age
8	Two-Year-Old, 24 - Under 36 Months of Age

Goat, Dairy

Entry Close Date:	7/14/2025	Entry Fee:	\$7.00
		Entry Release:	8/17/2025 at 5:00 pm
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Winning Prizes and Awards:

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Additional Special Awards or Premiums:	Visit our website to see up-to-date Special Awards as confirmed by members of the community.

Additional Definitions, Rules & Guidelines:

- This show is pending Sanction approval – please check back for updates.
 - Pending approval, the Junior and Senior shows ARE NOT separately sanctioned.
- No pre-registration needed for Open Showmanship Class - Sign up at Check-in
- American Dairy Goat Association rules shall govern provided they do not conflict with rules and regulations prescribed by CA Department of Food and Agriculture.
- Only goats registered or recorded with AGDA, AGS, or CGS may be shown.
- 2024 Update: A duplicate copy of the Application for Registration is accepted only for animals under six months of age and is no longer valid after 30 days from the official ADGA date stamped on it.
- Goats from scrapie non-compliant flocks or animals that are scrapie positive or scrapie suspects will not be accepted at the Fair. For further info phone USDA at 877-741-3690.
- All animals must be tattooed prior to arrival at Fair.
- The order of the show is subject to change depending on entries received.
- Please allow for a minimum of 3 goats per pen – No companion animals.
- Choice of Champion and Reserve for Divisions 420, 421, 422, & 423 will be determined by the age of the goat and will only be considered from the classes as follows:
 - Junior: Classes 1 to 4
 - Yearling: Classes 5-9
 - Breed Champions: Classes 1-9

Division 402: Lamancha

Division 403: Nubian

Division 404: All Other Purebred

Division 405: Recorded Grade

Division 406: Nigerian Dwarf

Class 1	Junior Kid, Apr – Jul 2025	2	Intermediate Kid, Mar 2025
3	Senior Kid, Dec 2024 – Feb 2025	4	Yearlings, Not in Milk, Jan – Nov 2024
5	Yearling Milker, Jan – Dec 2024	6	Two-Year-Old – Under 3, Jan – Dec 2023
7	Three-Year-Old – Under 4, Jan – Dec 2022	8	Four-Year-Old – Under 5, Jan – Dec 2021
9	Five-Year-Old – Born Prior to Jan 2020	10	Best of Three Females, 3 Does, Any Age,

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11 Dam and Daughter, Dam must be in Milk,
Must be owned by Exhibitor

12 All owned by Exhibitor. Limit 1 Entry
Get-of-Sire, 3 Does, Any Age, All Sired by
Same Buck, Must Name Buck. Need not be
Owned by Exhibitor – 1 Entry per Sire per
Exhibitor

Poultry, Eggs

Entry Close Date:	7/14/2025	Entry Fee:	\$5.00
Entry Release:	Per State Ban, no eggs will only be disposed of and not released	Entry Limitations:	None
Judging Schedule:	Review the Livestock Schedule for all show schedules.		
Exhibitor's Warning:	Vehicles left on grounds past 10:00 am will be towed at owner's expense.		

Winning Prizes and Awards:

Humboldt County Fair Issued Premiums:	Premiums awarded per class as follows: 1 st Place: \$5.00, 2 nd Place: \$3.00, 3 rd Place: \$2.00
Additional Special Awards or Premiums:	Visit our website to see up-to-date Special Awards as confirmed by members of the community.

Additional Rules & Guidelines

1. Eggs must be presented in a quantity of six and in an egg carton or similar container so that the eggs are secure and cannot roll around.
2. Only eggs that are unbroken or cracked will be accepted for Divisions 575 and 576; damaged eggs will be disqualified.
3. Eggs in Division 576 will be cracked at the time of judging and cannot be collected after judging.
 - a. Eggs will be disposed of by the judge upon judgement and cannot leave the grounds per direction of the State of California in regards to the 2025 Avian Flu pandemic.

Division 575: Eggs – 6 Eggs Judged Only on Outside Appearance and Presentation

Class	1	Chicken White	2	Chicken Brown	3	Chicken Colored
	4	Duck	5	Quail		

Division 576: Eggs – 6 Eggs Judged Only on Freshness and Quality of Yolk and Egg White

Class	1	Chicken White	2	Chicken Brown	3	Chicken Colored
	4	Duck	5	Quail		

Rabbit & Cavy

Entry Close Date:	7/14/2025	Entry Fee:	\$5.00
		Entry Release:	8/17/2025 at 5:00 pm
Judging Schedule:	Review the Livestock Schedule for all show schedules.		
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Winning Prizes and Awards:

Humboldt County Fair Issued Premiums:	Premiums awarded per class as follows: 1 st Place: \$4.00, 2 nd Place: \$3.00, 3 rd Place: \$1.00
Additional Special Awards or Premiums:	Visit our website to see up-to-date Special Awards as confirmed by members of the community.

Additional Rules & Guidelines

1. Breed standards and show rules of American Rabbit Breeders Association shall govern, provided they do not conflict with rules and regulations prescribed by CDFA Fairs and Expositions branch.
2. All animals must be purebred and identified by permanent ear marking (tattoo number) conforming to the entry info when they arrive at the show.
3. Upon entry must state variety, color, sex and age.
4. Ear number changes to be made at check-in as long as same sex, breed, variety and age.
5. Exhibitors to care for animals. State health regulations strictly enforced.

Division 800: Dutch

Division 802: Holland Lop

Division 804: Mini Lop

Division 806: Mini Satin

Division 808: Polish

Division 810: Californian

Division 812: Flemish Giant

Division 814: French Lop

Division 816: Other Light Weight Breeds

Division 818: Cavy One Day Carrying Cage Show

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| Class | 1 | Senior Buck/Boar |
| | 3 | Intermediate Buck/Boar |
| | 5 | Junior Buck/Boar |
| | 7 | Breed Fur |

Division 801: Himalayan

Division 803: Jersey Wooly

Division 805: Mini Rex

Division 807: Netherland Dwarf

Division 809: Rex

Division 811: Champagne d-Argent

Division 813: English Lop

Division 815: Satin

Division 817: Other Heavy Weight Breeds

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| 2 | Senior Doe/Sow |
| 4 | Intermediate Doe/Sow |
| 6 | Junior Doe/Sow |

Sheep, Registered & Commercial

Entry Close Date:	7/14/2025	Entry Fee:	\$5.00
Entry Limitations:	1 Group Entry per Class (see Class description)	Entry Release:	8/17/2025 at 5:00 pm
Judging Schedule:	Review the Livestock Schedule for all show schedules.		
Exhibitor's Warning:	Vehicles left on grounds past 10:00 am will be towed at owner's expense.		

Winning Prizes and Awards:

Humboldt County Fair Issued Premiums:	Premiums awarded per class as follows: 1 st Place: \$30, 2 nd Place: \$25, 3 rd Place: \$20, 4 th Place: \$15, 5 th Place: \$10
Additional Special Awards or Premiums:	Visit our website to see up-to-date Special Awards as confirmed by members of the community.

Additional Rules and Guidelines:

1. The Special Showmanship class does not require any pre-registration.
2. Group Classes are defined as any number of animal above one,
3. Group Classes:
 - a. Flock numbers must be used to identify all entries and be on regular & practical tags attached to or tattooed in ear. Do not use the same tag number on more than 1 animal during any 2 consecutive years.
 - b. Registration numbers not to be used as flock numbers.
4. Lambs must show lamb's teeth.
5. Docked tail must be able to be lifted from the exterior.
6. Sheep from scrapie non-compliant flocks or animals that are scrapie positive or scrapie suspects will not be accepted at the Fair. All sheep require individual identification, either registration papers with tattoo, APHIS ear tags, approved premises tattoos or flock certification ear tags or tattoos.
7. We reserve the right to combine classes if there are less than 10 entries per division.
8. Out of area exhibitors may contact the superintendent for early arrival.

Division 650: Dorset

Division 652: Romney

Division 654: All Other Meat Breed

Division 656: Natural Colored, Fine & Medium Wool

Division 658: Commercial Sheep

Division 651: Suffolk

Division 653: Romeldale

Division 655: All Other Wool

Division 657: Natural Colored, Coarse&Long Wool

Class 1	Rams, Yearling Ram, Aug 2023 – Sep 2024	2	Rams, Fall Lamb, Oct – Dec 2024
3	Rams, Spring Lamb, Jan – May 2025	4	Rams, Pair of Lambs, Bred by Exhibitor
5	Ewes, Yearling, Aug 2023 – Sep 2024	6	Ewes, Yearling Pair, Bred by Exhibitor
7	Ewes, Fall Lamb, Oct – Dec 2024	8	Ewes, Spring Lamb, Jan – May 2025
9	Ewes, Lamb Pair, Bred by Exhibitor	10	Flock, 1 Yearling or Lamb Ram, 2 Ewe

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| <p>11 Young Flock, 1 Ram Lamb, 2 Ewe Lambs,
Bred By Exhibitor</p> <p>13 Best Pair, 2 Animals: 1 Ram, 1 Ewe,
Any Age</p> | <p>12 Lambs, & 2 Yearling Ewes
Get-of-Sire, 4 Sheep, Sired By Same Ram,
Bred By Exhibitor</p> <p>14 Finished Market Lamb, Must Show Lamb's
Teeth, All Divisions Show Together</p> |
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