

## Frequently Asked Questions about Livestock Shows.

### **I am part of the showmanship circuit. Am I entered in the show if I fill out the showmanship paperwork on line?**

-Members of the showmanship circuit will be registered if they filled out the appropriate circuit paperwork and chose that they will be showing at this show.

-All questions concerning registration of circuit shows should be directed to Tiffanee Conrad at Tiff\_Conrad@ncsu.edu.

### **I am in 4-H and want to compete in the animal shows. Do I have to pen my animal for the week of the fair?**

-Robeson 4-H youth are required to pen their animals for the week of the fair.

-Youth from all other counties competing in animal shows may bring their animals the day of the show. **The only exception** is poultry that must be checked in and blood tested on the first Saturday of the fair between 8 and 11 AM.

-Youth who want to pen their animals for the week of the fair need to fill out an exhibit and a show registration forms. Animals will be judged competitively in the exhibit competitions and youth may win premiums.

### **What is a project record?**

-A project record is a written report that highlights the learning opportunities that the youth record during their animal science experience. Project record forms can be found at [robeson.ces.ncsu.edu](http://robeson.ces.ncsu.edu) under the 4-H Youth Development tab.

### **Do I have to turn in a project record?**

-Robeson County 4-H youth are required to turn in project records when their animals are penned.

-All other youth are not required to turn in project records. However, in the case of a tie the judge may use the record books to break the tie.

### **My child is 4 years old and shows at other county fairs. Can they show as part of the Robeson County 4-H shows?**

-4-H rules state that youth must be 5 years old to participate in the youth development program including Animal Science. If a show is not a 4-H show it is up to the show organizer to determine if a child under the age of 5 may participate.

### **My child is 8 may they move up to the competitive division?**

-Although North Carolina 4-H is moving toward allowing 8 year olds into the competitive divisions in the show ring (based on parental approval), this change will not be reflected at the Robeson County Fair Animal Shows before 2019.

### **I am not in 4-H and raise animals and would like to show in the 4-H shows can I?**

-Registration for the 4-H Youth shows is dependent on taking part in a 4-H approved animal science project. Contact your local 4-H county agent on whether or not you would be allowed to show.

-If it is not listed as a 4-H youth show but as an adult/youth show you just need to fill out a show form and return it by the deadline to take part in the show.

**What if I do not want to show my animals just have them on exhibit at the fair?**

-To pre-register and have us reserve a pen for you please fill out an exhibit form. We will hold cages for you until 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 30, 2017. If you have not arrived by 10 your cages will be up for others to use on a first come first serve basis.

**Can only youth show animals at the fair?**

-No, we do have shows in some species for adults. If you check our fair book pages you will see opportunities for adults to show goats and hogs.

**What is a Health Certificate?**

-A health certificate is issued by a licensed veterinarian and certifies that an animal is healthy, and does not carry any communicable diseases.

-The Robeson County Fair requires that all goats, sheep, and cattle have valid health certificates (horses are required to have coggins and hogs are required to come from pseudorabies negative herds) that are presented to a designated person and verified before the animal may be brought into the building.

**Is the Robeson County Show a terminal show?**

-No we are not a terminal show. However hogs that are penned and shown should be taken for slaughter after the fair.

**Please note the Robeson Regional Agricultural Fair reserves the right to turn away animals or species based on health or disease outbreak in the area regardless of a valid health certificate. Should this decision be made a notice will be placed on the fair website ([www.robesoncountyfair.com](http://www.robesoncountyfair.com)) in advance of the animal take in on Saturday, September 29, 2018. If an exhibit entry form has been submitted every effort will be made to contact the person in advance of the fair to make them aware of the decision.**