

# 2023 Nevada County Fair

## Market Beef Entry Guidelines

### Entry Information

- Exhibitors are required to enter their Market Beef online by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2023.
- Exhibitors must enter online. Links to the online entry system can be found on the Fairgrounds website at <http://nevadacountyfair.com/fair/enter-exhibit/>.
- The entry process requires two separate steps – first complete and pay for entries using the online “ShoWorks” entry system and then complete the Code of Practice and Contact Form. The link to the Code of Practice and Contact Form - which includes fields for uploading animal photo(s) and bill(s) of sale – is on the Fair’s website.
- Within the “ShoWorks” entry system, first go to the youth livestock department. Under the youth livestock department, you will find all the 4-H/Grange and FFA market species and divisions. Each species division will list all market classes, including Bred & Fed and Owned & Bred, as well as all showmanship classes. Check receipt to verify all intended classes have been entered.
- An ear tag number is required when entering Market Beef.
- Mandatory fee of \$2.00 for liability insurance is included in the market animal entry fee.

### Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification Program

- In order to participate in a youth livestock program (excluding horse & dogs) at any California Fair, all exhibitors nine years of age and older must obtain annual certification in the YQCA program.
- YQCA certification must be completed every year before time of entry. The YQCA number will be required to complete the entry online. Visit <https://yqcaprogram.org/> for more information and to complete the YQCA certification.

### Code of Practice and Contact Form: Photo(s) and Bill(s) of Sale

- In the Code of Practice and Contact Form, upload a bill of sale, unless the animal was exhibitor bred/home raised. For exhibitor bred market animals, a letter must be uploaded. The letter must include a short description of exhibitor’s breeding program, the date of birth for the market animal, and detailed information about the dam and sire.
- Upload a “full body” photo of the market animal that shows any unique markings. The exhibitor must be included in the picture with the market animal.
- A separate photo and bill of sale must be uploaded for each market animal being entered, including all back-up animals.

### Back-Up Market Animal(s)

- An exhibitor may enter up to two back-up animals.
- Back-up animals may be different species, although a large animal back-up must be a large animal species and a small animal back-up must be a small animal species.
- A back-up animal may not be simultaneously entered as a breeding animal.
- Family Back-up animals are allowed. A Family Back-up animal is an animal that is shared by immediate family members who reside in the same household and share in the responsibility of raising and caring for that animal.
- When entering a Family Back-up animal, each exhibitor must enter the animal and pay the appropriate fees prior to the entry deadline.

### **Owned and Bred by Class**

- This is a “non-show” class with special premium awards for exhibitors whose Champion or Reserve Champion market animal was bred and raised by the exhibitor.
- The class must be entered by the entry deadlines for the market animal.

### **Nevada County Bred and Fed Class**

- To be eligible for this class, market animals must have been bred within Nevada County by a Nevada County-based breeder and raised by an FFA, 4-H, Grange, or Independent exhibitor to qualify.
- Exhibitors must submit a bill of sale with the entry that verifies the animal was bred in Nevada County. A letter stating that the animal was bred and home raised by the exhibitor is also acceptable.
- The class must be entered by the entry deadlines for the market animal.

### **Showmanship**

- To participate in Showmanship, enter the appropriate Showmanship Class. Entries must be made in advance and by the deadlines – no ringside entries will be permitted.
- State rules mandate that livestock shown in Showmanship classes must be owned by the exhibitor and entered and shown by the exhibitor in an appropriate market, breeding, or performance class.
- No Entry Fee for Novice and Junior Showmanship Classes.
- Senior Showmanship has a \$5.00 Entry Fee.
- Novice Showmanship: An exhibitor who has not shown the species prior to January 1 of the current Fair year. The exhibitors placing first and second place in Novice Showmanship are eligible to advance and show in Junior Showmanship (must use the same animal).
- Junior Showmanship: An exhibitor who is showing the same species of animal for the second or third year at the Fair. The exhibitors placing first and second place in Junior Showmanship are eligible to advance and show in Senior Showmanship (must use same animal). Exhibitors whom previously won Junior Showmanship must enter Senior Showmanship.
- Senior Showmanship: An exhibitor who has previously shown in Senior Showmanship with the same species of animal or whom is showing the same species of animal for the fourth time or more at the Fair. First place winners in Senior Showmanship are eligible to compete in Master Showmanship.

**All Entries are due by Friday, April 7, 2023. The Nevada County Fair Board of Directors adopted a late entry policy that briefly extends the entry deadline, but requires a substantial late entry fee. Please send any questions to: [Entries@NevadaCountyFair.com](mailto:Entries@NevadaCountyFair.com)**