

## **AWARDS**

### **Award of Excellence**

First Award ..... State Fair Rosette  
Second Award ..... State Fair Rosette  
Third Award ..... State Fair Rosette

### **Award of Merit**

Award of Merit ..... State Fair Rosette

### **Superior Showperson**

FFA Large Animal ..... Golden Bear  
4-H Large Animal ..... Golden Bear  
FFA Small Animal ..... Golden Bear  
4-H Small Animal ..... Golden Bear

### **Sheep Lead**

Junior & Senior Sheep Lead Winner ..... Special Award

## **CALENDAR**

- Aug 4 All entry forms and fees must be received or submitted on-line
- Aug 7 If entering On-line: Signature Acquisition Form Due
- Aug 21 California State Fair opens
- Aug 22 Entrants in the Junior Sheep Lead Class Competition must check-in at the Livestock Office (6 p.m.)
- Aug 22 Judge Junior Sheep Lead Class Competition (L2) (7 p.m.)
- Aug 23 Entrants in the Large Animal Master Showmanship Competition must check-in at the Livestock Office (4 p.m.)
- Aug 23 Judge Large Animal Master Showmanship (6 p.m.)
- Aug 29 Entrants in the Small Animal Master Showmanship Competition must check-in at the Fur & Feathers Office (until 5:30 p.m.)
- Aug 29 Judge Small Animal Master Showmanship Competition (6:00 p.m.)
- Sept 7 California State Fair closes

## **HOW TO CONTACT US**

### **Send entries to:**

California State Fair  
County Fair Best of Show  
P.O. Box 15649  
Sacramento, CA 95852

### **Overnight delivery:**

1600 Exposition Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95815

### **Enter On-line:**

[www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org)

### **For further information:**

Phone:(916)263-3149  
[entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com)

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# **County Fair Best of Show Livestock & Small Animal**



**California  
State Fair**  
AUG. 21-SEPT. 7, 2009  
**BIG FUN!**

### **ENTRY RECEIVED DEADLINE:**

August 4, 2009

### **OPEN TO:**

Exhibitors winning Sheep Lead, Master Showmanship or Round Robin Showmanship at their county, district or citrus fair.

### **ENTER ON-LINE:**

[www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org)

For a complete County Fair Best of Show Handbook visit our website

## **ENTRY GUIDELINES**

### **HOW TO ENTER:**

- To enter on-line, log onto [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org) and click competitions. Click the on-line button and follow the step by step instructions. OR Fill out the Best of Show entry form according to instructions
- Entry in the County Fair Best of Show Competition is open to California residents only.
- Only exhibitors winning a Best of Show at their county, district or citrus fair or other approved events are eligible to compete.
- Entry forms must be endorsed with an authorized signature from the Fair Manager. If entering on-line: Signature Acquisition Form must have all required signatures.
- All signatures and information necessary to determine that an entry is eligible must be on the entry form.
- NO LATE ENTRY FORMS OR ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

### **ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 4, 2009**

- Overnight mail (or personal delivery) may be necessary. All entries must be received on or before August 4, 2009 at the California State Fair Entry Office or entered on-line.
- **Send entries to:**  
California State Fair  
County Fair Best of Show  
PO Box 15649  
Sacramento, CA 95852
- **Overnight entries to:**  
California State Fair  
Livestock Entry Office  
1600 Exposition Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95815

### **ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00 per class

- Enclose entry fee with entry form.
- Make check payable to: California State Fair.
- Entry fee is nonrefundable.

### **DIVISION 69 - LARGE ANIMAL**

Class shall include beef, sheep, swine, meat goats, dairy cattle and dairy goats.

**Class 1:** 4-H Master Showmanship

**Class 2:** FFA Master Showmanship

- Only exhibitors winning senior level Master Showmanship or Round Robin Showmanship in livestock competitions (beef, sheep, swine, horse, dairy cattle or all goats excluding pygmy goats) at their county, district or citrus fair, between August 5, 2008 and August 4, 2009 are eligible to compete.

### **LARGE ANIMAL CHECK IN PROCEDURES**

- Large Animal Master Showmanship participants must check in at the Livestock Office by 4 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2009.
- Judging of the Large Animal Master Showmanship Competition will be held in the Livestock Pavilion, L1, on Sunday, August 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- Only exhibitors qualifying in a composite livestock or Small Animal Showmanship competition such as Master Showmanship or Round Robin Showmanship shall compete. Second place winners, alternates or Reserve Champion Showmanship winners are not eligible.
- An exhibitor can represent only one fair. If an exhibitor qualifies to represent more than one fair the exhibitor must choose which fair to represent.
- Entrants who have won both 4-H and FFA Master Showmanship and/or Open Junior Master Showmanship competitions at the local fair, are eligible to enter under only one Class in this competition.
- Grange and Independent Junior exhibitors must have competed and won in a competition with a minimum of three (3) exhibitors competing and representing a minimum of three (3) species (i.e. beef, sheep, swine; horse, beef, dairy goat; etc.). This rule applies to large and small animals.
- Exhibitors may only qualify for one Division.
- It is not necessary to be entered in any other State Fair competition to be eligible for this competition.
- All exhibitors competing in this event must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, 4-H leader, FFA advisor or Grange leader while on the fairgrounds.
- All 4-H, FFA and Grange exhibitors must wear their official uniforms at the time of judging.
- The State Fair shall provide all animals for these competitions.
- The State Fair shall provide all show equipment such as: halters, show sticks, canes, etc., for these competitions.

### **DIVISION 72 - SMALL ANIMAL**

**Class 1:** 4-H Master Showmanship

**Class 2:** FFA Master Showmanship

- Only exhibitors winning senior level Master Showmanship or Round Robin Showmanship in Small Animal Competitions (poultry, rabbit, cavy, pygmy goat and dog) at their county, district or citrus fair, between August 5, 2008 and August 4, 2009, are eligible to compete.
- Independent and Grange must pick Class 1 or 2 although exhibitors under 13 years must enter Class 1.

### **SMALL ANIMAL CHECK IN PROCEDURES**

- Exhibitors must check-in at the Fur & Feathers Office by 5 p.m. August 29, 2009.
- Judging of the Small Animal Master Showmanship competition will be held in the Livestock Pavilion, L2, on August 29, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

### **DIVISION 78 - JUNIOR SHEEP LEAD**

**Class 1:** Juniors - 13 years of age and under as of January 1, 2009  
**Class 2:** Seniors - 14 years of age and older as of January 1, 2009

- Only exhibitors winning first place in a Junior or Senior Sheep Lead Class at their county, citrus or district fair, between August 5, 2008 and August 4, 2009 are eligible to compete.

- **COMMENTARY:** Entrants must provide their commentary sheet based on the qualifying event. The commentary must be typed double spaced on one side of an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper and written in "Third Person". **The commentary must be included with the official entry form due on August 4, 2009.** A copy of the commentary must also be available upon arrival if requested by Fair Management.

- **SHEEP REQUIREMENTS:** Each entrant shall be responsible for providing their own sheep (any age ewe or wether, no rams), or arrange to borrow one from a 2009 California State Fair Junior Sheep exhibitor. It shall be the sole responsibility of said entrant to make any and all arrangements pertaining to borrowing an animal from a junior exhibitor entered and competing in the 2009 California State Fair Junior Sheep Show. Each participant must designate at time of entry, whether they will be bringing their own animal or borrowing one from another exhibitor.

If the entrant chooses to provide their own animal, a veterinarian provided by the Fair shall check all animals upon arrival and before unloading for proper health certificates, signs of communicable disease, external parasites, any unsightly disease condition and any wounds, open or closed, that may be contagious. Any animal found to be in a unsafe or unsightly condition will be quarantined in a designated area and then dismissed from the grounds as soon as possible. The State Fair veterinarian's decision shall be final.

- **ENTRANT RESPONSIBILITIES:** Sheep must be conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter. All grooming preparation for show must be done by the entrant.
- **EQUIPMENT:** All other necessary equipment must be supplied by the entrant.
- **GARMENT REQUIREMENTS:** All necessary garments must be supplied by the entrant. Entries will be judged on mode of dress selected, which must be appropriate, attractive and lend elegance to the Class. Entrants must furnish their own outfit, which must be made of either 100% wool or a minimum of 70% wool and no more than 30% synthetic fiber. Exhibitor must wear the same outfit they qualified in at their county, district or citrus fair.

### **SHEEP LEAD CHECK IN PROCEDURES**

- Exhibitors must check-in at the Livestock Office by 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2009. Judging of the Sheep Lead Competition will be held in the Livestock Pavilions, L2, on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- Those exhibitors choosing to provide their own animal and are not entered in the regular State Fair beef, sheep, swine and market goat classes must arrive by Saturday, August 22, 2009 by 8 a.m. For those exhibitors that are not already entered in regular State Fair Livestock Competitions please contact the Livestock Office by August 14, to confirm arrival of animal and stalling request.