



EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK

SHIUX EMPIRE LIVESTOCK SHOW

SHIUX FALLS - SOUTH DAKOTA

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Tentative Schedule 2026 Sioux Empire Livestock Show Schedule

All dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

Location Key: EB – Expo Building, NEB – Northside Expo Building, SR – Show Ring, CA – Check-In Area.

Tuesday, January 27 th , 2026		
8:00 a.m.	Volunteer Setup	EB
3:00 p.m.	Livestock Move-In	EB

Wednesday, January 28 th , 2026		
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Junior Market Hog Check-In	CA
11:30 a.m.	Ribbon Cutting	EB
Noon	Junior Market Hog Show	SR
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	4-H/FFA Calf Check-In	CA
3:00 p.m.	Minnehaha Calf Show	SR
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Junior Market Beef Check-In	CA
4:00 p.m.	4-H/FFA Invitational Calf Show	SR

Thursday, January 29 th , 2026		
9:00 a.m.	Junior Market Beef Show	SR
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Junior Market Lamb & Goat Check-In	CA
1:00 p.m.	Junior Market Lamb Show	SR
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Junior Prospect Calf Check-In	CA
3:00 p.m.	Junior Market Goat Show	SR

Friday, January 30 th , 2026		
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Junior Breeding Heifer Check-In	CA
9:00 a.m.	Junior Prospect Calf Show – Ring A	SR - A
9:30 a.m.	Junior Prospect Calf Show – Ring B	SR - B
4:00 p.m.	Sale of Champions Exhibitor Meeting	NEB
6:00 p.m.	Sale of Champions	NEB

Saturday, January 31 st , 2026		
9:00 a.m.	4-H Skill-a-thon	NEB
9:00 a.m.	Junior Breeding Heifer Show – Ring A	SR - A
9:30 a.m.	Junior Breeding Heifer Show – Ring B	SR - B
6:00 p.m.	Collegiate Coaches Meeting	NEB

Sunday, February 1 st , 2026		
8:00 a.m.	Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest	EB
12:00 p.m.	4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest Check-In	NEB
1:00 p.m.	4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest	EB

**Sioux Empire Livestock Show
Animal Health Summary**

**South Dakota Animal Industry Board
411 South Fort Street
Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 773-3321**

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:

All animals entering the Sioux Empire Livestock Show must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), and shall have official identification listed on the CVI, issued thirty (30) days before the show. Each CVI must:

- **Be an official form from the state of origin**
- **Be issued by an accredited licensed veterinarian**
- **Show name and address of owner or exhibitor**
- **Show all required tests and/or vaccinations for import into South Dakota**

Please review the species information below for additional information.

Cattle

All entries must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). One certificate per exhibitor is acceptable; however, do not put two species on the same certificate (ex., heifers, and lambs). An official ID is required to be listed on the health certificate. Out of state animals must have a permit number to enter South Dakota and the Sioux Empire Livestock Show. Call the SD State Veterinarian at 605-773-3321 to obtain a permit number on the CVI.

- **Animal(s) must meet tuberculosis and brucellosis qualifications of South Dakota and must be free of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease such as ringworms, warts, pinkeye or lumpy jaw. If warts have been surgically removed, the scars must be healed by the time of exhibition. Before unloading, CVIs must be shown to a livestock attendant in the blue information shack. The original CVI will be collected at check-in.**
- **Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pinkeye, draining abscesses or any other contagious diseases will eliminate cattle from the show/sale and from the Expo Building. The SELS veterinarian reserves the right to final judgement on ringworm assessment. No tolerance on ringworm will be allowed unless the SELS veterinarian determines the condition has been treated and is in a noncontagious stage.**

Goats

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required on all animals entering the Sioux Empire Livestock Show. Individual ID must be on the CVI and the herd premise ID number. Goats from out of state need a PERMIT to enter South Dakota and the Sioux Empire Livestock Show. If you are unsure of health requirements for goats entering South Dakota, please have your veterinarian call the South Dakota State Veterinary Office at 605-773-3321 and ask for the PERMIT NUMBER to enter on the CVI. All goats must have individual scrapie ID tag along with herd ID number. Scrapie tag must be listed on health papers.

- **Certificate must contain identification as to breed, sex, ear tag number and owner's name and address.**

- Goats must be free of scabies, scrapie, and any other symptoms of disease. The CVI MUST STATE goats are free of signs of scabies, scrapie, and fungus.
- CVI must be properly made out and issued within 30 days of the opening of the show.
- Any entry that is not accompanied by a CVI or does not comply with any of these regulations will not be admitted to the Sioux Empire Livestock Show.

Individual ID must match ID on health papers. CVI must be given to show personnel at time of check-in.

Lambs

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required on all animals entering the Sioux Empire Livestock Show. Individual ID must be on the CVI and the herd premise ID number. Lambs from out of state need a PERMIT to enter South Dakota and the Sioux Empire Livestock Show. If you are unsure of health requirements for lambs entering South Dakota, please have your veterinarian call the South Dakota State Veterinary Office at 605-773-3321 and ask for the PERMIT NUMBER to enter on the CVI. All lambs must have individual scrapie ID tag along with herd ID number. Scrapie tag must be listed in health papers.

- Certificate must contain identification as to breed, sex, ear tag number and owner's name and address.
- Sheep must be free of scabies, scrapie, and any other symptoms of disease. The CVI MUST STATE sheep are free of signs of scabies, scrapie, and fungus.
- CVIs must be properly made out and issued within 30 days of the opening of the show.
- Any entry that is not accompanied by a CVI or does not comply with any of these regulations will not be admitted to the Sioux Empire Livestock Show.
- **Individual ID must match ID on health papers.** CVI must be given to show personnel at time of check-in.

Swine

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required on all animals entering the Sioux Empire Livestock Show. Individual ID must be on the CVI and the herd premise ID number. Swine from out of state need a PERMIT to enter South Dakota and the Sioux Empire Livestock Show. If you are unsure of health requirements for swine entering South Dakota, please have your veterinarian call the South Dakota State Veterinary Office at 605-773-3321 and ask for the PERMIT NUMBER to enter on the CVI.

Individual ID must match ID on health papers. CVI must be given to show personnel at time of check-in.

Dogs

DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE EXPO BUILDING during the Sioux Empire Livestock Show. The ADA requires that service animals be under the control of the handler at all times. In most instances, the handler will be the individual with a disability or a third party who accompanies the individual with a disability. The service animal must be harnessed, leashed or tethered while in public places unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the person's disability prevents use of these devices.

General Information and Rules

WELCOME: The Sioux Empire Livestock Show staff and volunteers welcome you to Sioux Falls and to the 73rd Sioux Empire Livestock Show. This show would not be possible without dedicated staff, volunteers, and sponsors who honor the longstanding history and the bright future through our mission; ***The Sioux Empire Livestock Show promotes and celebrates agriculture through an annual, authentic experience that educates and entertains the community; assists youth exhibitors financially with academic endeavors; and generates economic impact through national livestock consignments and trade show opportunities.***

PARKING: No parking permits required, yet it is recommended that livestock exhibitors park in places designated by the Sioux Empire Livestock Show. **Cattle unloading is on the EAST side of the Expo Building. Hogs, Goats, and Sheep unloading is on the NORTH side of the Expo Building, through designated marked doors. DO NOT OPEN OVERHEAD DOORS.** Trailer parking is in the south lot, that is south of fairgrounds fence. **DO NOT TIE CATTLE TO THE CHAINLINK FENCE.**



FEED AND BEDDING: Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens/stalls clean and will provide their own feed and water. A layer of shavings/chips will be provided. If exhibitors want additional bedding, they should plan to bring their own shavings, as there will be none available for sale.



ELIGIBLE EXHIBITORS: Exhibitors 21 years old and younger **as of Jan. 1, 2026**, are eligible for junior shows (market beef, market hogs, market goats, market lambs, prospect calves, and breeding heifers).



ENTRY DEADLINE(S):

Early Online Entries – Jan. 2nd 2026
Late Online Entries – Jan. 22nd 2026
Late Entries at Check-In

ENTRY FEES:

\$50 per entry
\$75 per entry
\$100 per entry



SHOWMANSHIP ENTRY DEADLINE(S):

Early Online Entries – Jan. 2nd 2026
Late Online Entries – Jan. 22nd 2026
Late Entries at Check-In

SHOWMANSHIP ENTRY FEES:

(Junior Prospect Calves & Junior Breeding Heifers ONLY)

\$15 per exhibitor
\$75 per exhibitor
\$100 per exhibitor



SHOWMANSHIP ENTRY DEADLINE(S):

Jackpot style showmanship will take place at the end of the Show. Entry fee of \$5 will be taken at the gate. Grand and Reserve Champion of each division will split the cash 50/50.

SHOWMANSHIP ENTRY FEES:

(4-H/FFA Calf Show & Junior Market Show(s) ONLY)

\$5 per exhibitor

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

BARN HOURS: Barn hours are from 5 a.m. – 11 p.m. daily. Absolutely no individuals are allowed in the barn after 11 p.m. each night or before 5 a.m. each morning. In an effort to alleviate disrespect to facility and/or other visitors' personal belongings, a professional security team will be patrolling the interior and exterior of the barn every night/morning. The Sioux Empire Livestock Show is not liable for any theft or damage to exhibitor property.



SHOW BACK NUMBERS: Each animal entered into the Sioux Empire Livestock Show may be assigned a number. Those numbers may be given to each exhibitor as a back number at check-in. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have the correct back number displayed on their back or in a holder attached to exhibitor before entering the ring. If the back number does not correspond with the original entry on the officials' judges' sheet, the result may be a disqualification of that animal.

CODE OF ETHICS: Exhibitors of the Sioux Empire Livestock Show are **NOT** allowed to artificially fill animals through the use of pumps or bottles. If you are seen doing such an act in the Expo Building, you will be asked to leave the Sioux Empire Livestock Show, with no refunding of entry fees. Absolutely no unethical oral or injected altering material will be allowed at the Sioux Empire Livestock Show.

FITTING CHUTES: One fitting chute will be allowed per three animals at a cost of \$30 per chute; a second chute is only allowed in with the fourth head at an additional cost of \$30. Upon respective show check-in, chute tags will be available for purchase, issued and must be attached to the fitting chute(s). If the issued tag is not visible on chute, you will be asked to remove your chute from the barn. **You will be assigned a chute area in the barn once you purchase your chute tag.**

GENERATORS: Generators and space heaters are not allowed inside the Expo Building. Exhibitors will need to bring their own 12-gauge, 100-foot to 200-foot extension cords.



PAYING AWARDS: If all necessary documents have been collected from the exhibitor and or buyer, cash awards, livestock sale checks and premiums will be mailed **30 days after the conclusion** of the Sioux Empire Livestock Show.



PROTESTS: All protests must be made on an official protest form obtained by the Sioux Empire Livestock Show office and accompanied by a \$500 cash, cashier's check or money order deposit, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. All protests must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Sioux Empire Livestock Show manager immediately after the occasion for protest. Protests will be accepted prior to, and during and six (6) hours immediately following the conclusion of judging. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation; a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed by the Sioux Empire Livestock Show. No complaint or appeal based solely upon the statement that a judge is incompetent will be considered.

OFFICIAL SELS PHOTOGRAPHER: Photos taken during the show by staff or official show photographers will be used for promotional reasons, including, but not limited to the official show photographers' website and social media platforms and SELS social media platforms and website.

- Photos can be purchased on our official photographer's website.
 - *[Empire Imagery](#) is a diversified group of livestock photographers with creative minds that join together to capture unparalleled images for the agricultural industry.*

SOCIAL MEDIA: Follow us on social media!

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/SiouxEmpireLivestockShow/
 - *You can view all open livestock shows live on the Sioux Empire Livestock Show Facebook page.*
- Instagram: @SiouxEmpireLivestockShow

COVID-19: The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving. It is known that the virus is spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects as well as in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. Although there are vaccinations available for COVID-19, the disease is still infecting and spreading through those non-vaccinated and vaccinated. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death.

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce (Sioux Empire Livestock Show) and the Sioux Empire Fair Association/W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds cannot prevent you [or your child(ren)] from becoming exposed to, contracting or spreading COVID-19 while utilizing the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds premises. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to attend the Sioux Empire Livestock Show at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

By attending the Sioux Empire Livestock Show, you have chosen to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 and release and waive your rights to bring suit against the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce (Sioux Empire Livestock Show) and the Sioux Empire Fair Association/W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds.

Decisions of show personnel and judge(s) are final.

4-H/FFA INVITATIONAL CALF SHOW

Fri., Jan. 2, 2026 11:59 P.M. Early Online Entry Deadline
Thurs., Jan. 22, 2026 11:59 P.M. Late Online Entry Deadline
Tues., Jan. 27, 2026 3:00 P.M. Move-In
Wed., Jan. 28, 2026 12:30-1:30 P.M. Check-In
Wed., Jan. 28, 2026 4 P.M. Show Ring

SHOW REQUIREMENTS

Review page 3 for [health requirements](#) and page 5 for [general information and rules](#).

Entries made in this department shall be subject to and each exhibitor agrees to abide by the following:

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Exhibitors of the Sioux Empire Livestock Show are NOT allowed to artificially fill animals through the use of pumps or bottles. If you are seen doing such an act in the Expo Building, you will be asked to leave the Sioux Empire Livestock Show, with no refunding of entry fees. Calves may not leave the Expo Building until after the show is complete.

Violation of ethics guidelines or unapproved removal of calves from the Expo Building will result in dismissal from the show, and the exhibitor will forfeit any premiums.

The show staff reserves the right to excuse problem animals from the show ring. *Please do not attempt to show animals that cannot be controlled.*

CHECK-IN: Exhibitors must turn in **completed** declared weight/date of birth card(s) by the end of check-in (1 p.m.)



- **Breeding Heifer Calf Show:** purebred and commercial heifers born after **Jan. 2025**.
 - **classes will be divided by declared date of birth (DOB).**
- **Prospect Calf Show:** calves born after **Jan. 2025**.
 - **classes will be divided by declared weight.**
- At check-in, exhibitors will receive a backtag number for each entry, which must be worn by the exhibitor while in the show ring. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure they are wearing the correct backtag number assigned to each entry when entering the show ring.

After each class, the top two (or more at the judges/show's discretion) placing entries will be evaluated to ensure identification. If the exhibitor is wearing the incorrect backtag number, or the wrong animal is brought into the ring for judging, they will be disqualified from the show and forfeit any premiums.

ENTRY DEADLINE(S):

Early Online Entries – Jan. 2nd 2026
Late Online Entries – Jan. 22nd 2026
Late Entries at Check-In

ENTRY FEES:

\$50 per entry
\$75 per entry
\$100 per entry

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

SHOW ORDER:

Showmanship; *starting with Division 1.*

Breeding Heifer Calf Show

Prospect Calf Show; *prospect steers, prospect heifers, overall prospect.*



AWARDS PAYOUTS:

Grand Champion Breeding Heifer	\$300 + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer	\$150 + Banner
Grand Champion Prospect Steer	\$200 + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Steer	\$100 + Banner
Grand Champion Prospect Heifer	\$200 + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Heifer	\$100 + Banner
Grand Champion Prospect Calf	Additional \$100 + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Calf	Additional \$50 + Banner



SHOWMANSHIP:

contest will follow SD 4-H rules – Age as of Jan. 1, 2026.

Jackpot style showmanship will take at the end of The Show. Entry fee of \$5 will be taken at the gate. Grand and Reserve Champion of each division will split the cash 50/50.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS:

Division 1: Senior – 14 years old and older.

Division 2: Junior – 11-13 years old.

Division 3: Beginner – 8-10 years old.

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS PAYOUTS:

Grand Champion Showman	Cash Prize + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Showman	Cash Prize + Banner

awards represent each division.

JUNIOR MARKET HOG SHOW

Fri., Jan. 2, 2026 11:59 P.M. Early Online Entry Deadline
Thurs., Jan. 22, 2026 11:59 P.M. Late Online Entry Deadline
Tues., Jan. 27, 2026 3 P.M. Move-In
Wed., Jan. 28, 2026 8-9 A.M. Check-In
Wed., Jan. 28, 2026 Noon A.M. Show Ring

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Review page 3 for health requirements and page 5 for general information and rules.

Entries made in this department shall be subject to and each exhibitor agrees to abide by the following:

Exhibitors of the Sioux Empire Livestock Show are NOT allowed to artificially fill animals through the use of pumps or bottles. If you are seen doing such an act in the Expo Building, you will be asked to leave the Sioux Empire Livestock Show, with no refunding of entry fees. Hogs may not leave the Expo Building until after the show is complete.



CHECK-IN: Exhibitors must turn in **completed** declared weight card(s) by the end of check-in (9 a.m.)

- The Sioux Empire Livestock Show uses a weigh-back system for the Junior Market Hog Show.
- Weight cards will be distributed to exhibitors during check-in. Exhibitors are responsible for turning in **completed** weight card(s) before check-in closes. This declared weight will become the animal's official weight. Exhibitors are responsible for weighing their own animals. A scale will be provided.
 - There is a minimum weight of **230lbs** and a maximum weight of **320lbs**.
 - Purebred hogs can only be entered in **one (1) division**, as designated by the entry form(s) and must be accompanied by a copy of breed registration papers.
- Sioux Empire Livestock Show ear tags will be assigned to each animal. Animals will be ear tagged and the tag must remain in the ear of the animal. If the ear tag is not in the animal at the Sale of Champions or when loaded onto the truck, the exhibitor will **forfeit** any premiums and market value check.

Exhibitors selling animals must indicate at check-in if they are selling their animal via the market avenue provided by the show. Any animal not making the Sale of Champions and being sold through the avenue provided by the show, the exhibitor must load their animal onto the truck and hand show staff their market loadout slip that will be provided to them at check-in.

The top two (or more, at the judge's or show's discretion) placing animals in each class for all junior market hog classes will be weighed before judge's official placings are taken. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. A variance of 5% from the weight declared will be allowed. All animals outside of the 5% variance will be disqualified and will forfeit any premiums.

Sioux Empire Livestock Show personnel reserve the right to adjust Rules and Regulations as seen fit.

ENTRY DEADLINE(S):	ENTRY FEES:
Early Online Entries – Jan.2 nd 2026	\$50 per entry
Late Online Entries – Jan. 22 nd 2026	\$75 per entry
Late Entries at Check-In	\$100 per entry

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

SHOW ORDER:

barrows and gilts will show together.

Division 1: Purebred Market Hogs	Division 3: Middle Weight – Crossbred Market Hogs
Division 2: Light Weight - Crossbred Market Hogs	Division 4: Heavy Weight – Crossbred Market Hogs
<i>Following the divisions, the judge will select Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Hogs and the next three (3) places.</i>	



CASH/AWARDS PAYOUTS:

Grand Champion Market Hog	\$1,000 + Buckle + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog	\$750 + Banner
3 rd Overall Market Hog	\$500 + Banner
4 th Overall Market Hog	\$350 + Banner
5 th Overall Market Hog	\$250 + Banner



SHOWMANSHIP:

Jackpot style showmanship will take at the end of The Show. Entry fee of \$5 will be taken at the gate. Grand and Reserve Champion of each division will split the cash 50/50.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS:

- Division 1: Senior – 14 years old and older.*
- Division 2: Junior – 11-13 years old.*
- Division 3: Beginner – 8-10 years old.*

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS PAYOUTS:

Grand Champion Showman	Cash Prize + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Showman	Cash Prize + Banner

awards represent each division.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS: The top five (5) placing hogs will appear in the Sale of Champions on Friday, Jan. 30, 2026. **Animals must be present at the sale to receive your premium/payment.** The top five (5) market hogs appearing in the Sale of Champions will be terminated. **All market animals held for the Sale of Champions MUST be stalled in the Expo Building until the start of the Sale of Champions on Friday. They may not leave for any reason. After the sale, all animals must be stalled in designated are in the Expo Building.** See additional Sale of Champions information on page 24.

JUNIOR MARKET GOAT SHOW

Fri., Jan. 2, 2026 11:59 P.M.	Early Online Entry Deadline
Thurs., Jan. 22, 2026 11:59 P.M.	Late Online Entry Deadline
Wed., Jan. 28, 2026 3 P.M.	Move-In
Thurs., Jan. 29, 2026 10 A.M.-11 A.M.	Check-In
Thurs., Jan. 29, 2026 3 P.M.	Show Ring

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Review page 3 for health requirements and page 5 for general information and rules.

Entries made in this department shall be subject to and each exhibitor agrees to abide by the following:

Exhibitors of the Sioux Empire Livestock Show are NOT allowed to artificially fill animals through the use of pumps or bottles. If you are seen doing such an act in the Expo Building, you will be asked to leave the Sioux Empire Livestock Show, with no refunding of entry fees. Goat may not leave the Expo Building until after the show is complete.



CHECK-IN: Exhibitors must turn in **completed** declared weight card(s) by the end of check-in (**11 a.m.**)

The Sioux Empire Livestock Show uses a weigh-back system for the Junior Market Goat Show.

- **Junior market goat classes are open to does and wethers (castrated males).**
 - **Entries must be under the age of one year old and have milk/kid teeth in place.**
 - **Goats whose teeth have been tamped with will be disqualified at the discretion of show officials.**
 - Goats must be broke to lead and must be shown with a halter, collar, or collar with short lead.
 - Goats must be uniformly slick shorn with 3/8 inch of hair or less above the knee and hock joints, including the head excluding the tail prior to check-in.
 - If horned, goats must have horns rounded off.
- Weight cards will be distributed to exhibitors during check-in. Exhibitors are responsible for turning in **completed** weight card(s) before check-in closes. This declared weight will become the animal's official weight. Exhibitors are responsible for weighing their own animals. A scale will be provided.
- All junior market goats will be broken into classes according to the weight cards after check-in.
- Sioux Empire Livestock Show ear tags will be assigned to each animal. Animals will be ear tagged and the tag must remain in the ear of the animal. If the ear tag is not in the animal at the Sale of Champions or when loaded onto the truck, the exhibitor will **forfeit** any premiums and market value check.

Exhibitors selling animals must indicate at check-in if they are selling their animal via the market avenue provided by the show. Any animal not making the Sale of Champions and being sold through the avenue provided by the show, the exhibitor must load their animal onto the truck and hand show staff their market loadout slip that will be provided to them at check-in.

The top two (or more, at the judge’s or show’s discretion) placing animals in each class for all junior market goat classes will be weighed before judge’s official placings are taken. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. A variance of 5% from the weight declared will be allowed. All animals outside of the 5% variance will be disqualified and will forfeit any premiums.

Sioux Empire Livestock Show personnel reserve the right to adjust Rules and Regulations as seen fit.

ENTRY DEADLINE(S):	ENTRY FEES:
Early Online Entries – Jan.2 nd 2026	\$50 per entry
Late Online Entries – Jan. 22 nd 2026	\$75 per entry
Late Entries at Check-In	\$100 per entry

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.



AWARD PAYOUTS:

Grand Champion Market Goat	\$1,000 + Buckle + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat	\$750 + Banner
3 rd Overall Market Goat	\$500 + Banner
4 th Overall Market Goat	\$350 + Banner
5 th Overall Market Goat	\$250+ Banner



SHOWMANSHIP:

Jackpot style showmanship will take at the end of The Show. Entry fee of \$5 will be taken at the gate. Grand and Reserve Champion of each division will split the cash 50/50.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS:

- Division 1: Senior – 14 years old and older.*
- Division 2: Junior – 11-13 years old.*
- Division 3: Beginner – 8-10 years old.*

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS PAYOUTS:

Grand Champion Showman	Cash Prize + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Showman	Cash Prize + Banner

awards represent each division.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS: The top five (5) placing goats will appear in the Sale of Champions on Friday, Jan. 30, 2026. **Animals must be present at the sale to receive your premium/payment.** The top five (5) market goats appearing in the Sale of Champions will be terminated. **All market animals held for the Sale of Champions MUST be stalled in the Expo Building until the start of the Sale of Champions on Friday. They may not leave for any reason. After the sale, all animals must be stalled in designated are in the Expo Building.** See additional Sale of Champions information on page 24.

JUNIOR MARKET LAMB SHOW

Fri., Jan. 2, 2026 11:59 P.M. Early Online Entry Deadline
Thurs., Jan. 22, 2026 11:59 P.M. Late Online Entry Deadline
Wed., Jan. 28, 2026 3 P.M. Move-In
Thurs., Jan. 29, 2026 10 A.M.-11 A.M. Check-In
Thurs., Jan. 29, 2026 1 P.M. Show Ring

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Review page 3 for health requirements and page 5 for general information and rules.

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Exhibitors of the Sioux Empire Livestock Show are NOT allowed to artificially fill animals through the use of pumps or bottles. If you are seen doing such an act in the Expo Building, you will be asked to leave the Sioux Empire Livestock Show, with no refunding of entry fees. Lambs may not leave the Expo Building until after the show is complete.



CHECK-IN: Exhibitors must turn in **completed** declared weight card(s) by the end of check-in (**11 a.m.**)

The Sioux Empire Livestock Show uses a weigh-back system for the Junior Market Lamb Show.

- Weight cards will be distributed to exhibitors during check-in. Exhibitors are responsible for turning in **completed** weight card(s) before check-in closes. This declared weight will become the animal's official weight. Exhibitors are responsible for weighing their own animals. A scale will be provided.
- All junior market lambs will be broken into classes according to the weight cards after check-in.
- Lambs must be broke to lead and evenly shorn including the ears.
- Sioux Empire Livestock Show ear tags will be assigned to each animal. Animals will be ear tagged and the tag must remain in the ear of the animal. If the ear tag is not in the animal at the Sale of Champions or when loaded onto the truck, the exhibitor will **forfeit** any premiums and market value check.

Exhibitors selling animals must indicate at check-in if they are selling their animal via the market avenue provided by the show. Any animal not making the Sale of Champions and being sold through the avenue provided by the show, the exhibitor must load their animal onto the truck and hand show staff their market loadout slip that will be provided to them at check-in.

The top two (or more, at the judge's or show's discretion) placing animals in each class for all junior market lamb classes will be weighed before judge's official placings are taken. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. A variance of 5% from the weight declared will be allowed. All animals outside of the 5% variance will be disqualified and will forfeit any premiums.

Sioux Empire Livestock Show personnel reserve the right to adjust Rules and Regulations as seen fit.

ENTRY DEADLINE(S):

Early Online Entries – Jan. 2nd 2026
 Late Online Entries – Jan. 22nd 2026
 Late Entries at Check-In

ENTRY FEES:

\$50 per entry
 \$75 per entry
 \$100 per entry

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**CASH/AWARD PAYOUTS:**

Grand Champion Market Lamb	\$1,000 + Buckle + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb	\$750 + Banner
3 rd Overall Market Lamb	\$500 + Banner
4 th Overall Market Lamb	\$350 + Banner
5 th Overall Market Lamb	\$250 + Banner

**SHOWMANSHIP:**

Jackpot style showmanship will take at the end of The Show. Entry fee of \$5 will be taken at the gate. Grand and Reserve Champion of each division will split the cash 50/50.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS:

Division 1: Senior – 14 years old and older.
Division 2: Junior – 11-13 years old.
Division 3: Beginner – 8-10 years old.

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS PAYOUTS:

Grand Champion Showman	Cash Prize + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Showman	Cash Prize + Banner

awards represent each division.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS: The top five (5) placing lambs will appear in the Sale of Champions on Friday, Jan. 30, 2026. **Animals must be present at the sale to receive your premium/payment.** The top five (5) market lambs appearing in the Sale of Champions will be terminated. **All market animals held for the Sale of Champions MUST be stalled in the Expo Building until the start of the Sale of Champions on Friday. They may not leave for any reason. After the sale, all animals must be stalled in designated are in the Expo Building.** See additional Sale of Champions information on page 24.

JUNIOR MARKET BEEF SHOW

Fri., Jan. 2, 2026 11:59 P.M. Early Online Entry Deadline
Thurs., Jan. 22, 2026 11:59 P.M. Late Online Entry Deadline
Wed., Jan. 28, 2026 9:00 A.M. Move-In
Wed., Jan. 28, 2026 3:00 P.M. Check-In
Thurs., Jan. 29, 2026 10:00 A.M. Show Ring

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Review page 3 for health requirements and page 5 for general information and rules.

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CHECK-IN: Exhibitors must turn in **completed** declared weight card(s) by the end of check-in (**4:00 p.m.**)

- The Sioux Empire Livestock Show uses a weigh-back system for the Junior Market Beef Show.
- Weight cards will be distributed to exhibitors during check-in. Exhibitors are responsible for turning in **completed** weight card(s) before check-in closes. This declared weight will become the animal's official weight. Exhibitors are responsible for weighing their own animals. A scale will be provided.
- All junior market steers/heifers must have a declared weight between a **minimum weight is 1,000 lbs** and the **maximum weight is 1,575 lbs**.
- Sioux Empire Livestock Show ear tags will be assigned to each animal. Animals will be ear tagged and the tag must remain in the ear of the animal. If the ear tag is not in the animal at the Sale of Champions or when loaded onto the truck, the exhibitor will **forfeit** any premiums and market value check.

The top two (or more, at the judge's or show's discretion) placing animals in each class for all junior market beef classes will be weighed before judge's official placings are taken. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. A variance of 5% from the weight declared will be allowed. All animals outside of the 5% variance will be disqualified and will forfeit any premiums.

There WILL NOT be a market avenue for market beef provided by the Sioux Empire Livestock Show.

Sioux Empire Livestock Show personnel reserve the right to adjust Rules and Regulations as seen fit.

ENTRY DEADLINE(S):

Early Online Entries – Jan. 2nd 2026
Late Online Entries – Jan. 22nd 2026
Late Entries at Check-In

ENTRY FEES:

\$50 per entry
\$75 per entry
\$100 per entry

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.



AWARDS PAYOUTS:

Grand Champion Market Beef	\$1,000 + Buckle + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Beef	\$750 + Banner
3 rd Overall Market Beef	\$500 + Banner
4 th Overall Market Beef	\$350 + Banner
5 th Overall Market Beef	\$250 + Banner

SALE OF CHAMPIONS: The top five (5) placing animals from the Market Beef Show will appear in the Sale of Champions on Friday, Jan. 30, 2026. **Animals must be present at the sale to receive your premium/payment.** The top five (5) Market Beef animals appearing in the Sale of Champions will be terminated. **All market animals held for the Sale of Champions MUST be stalled in the Expo Building until the start of the Sale of Champions on Friday. They may not leave for any reason. After the sale, all animals must be tied with adequate halters at the Expo Building.** See additional Sale of Champions information on page 24.

JUNIOR PROSPECT CALF SHOW

Fri., Jan. 2, 2026 11:59 P.M.	Early Online Entry Deadline
Thurs., Jan. 22, 2026 11:59 P.M.	Late Online Entry Deadline
Thurs., Jan. 29, 2026 8:00 A.M.	Move-In
Thurs., Jan. 29, 2026 1-3 P.M.	Check-In
Fri., Jan. 30, 2026 9 A.M.	RING A – Show Ring
Fri., Jan. 30, 2026 9:30 A.M.	RING B – Show Ring

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Review page 3 for health requirements and page 5 for general information and rules.

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CHECK-IN: Exhibitors must turn in **completed** declared weight card(s) by the end of check-in (3 p.m.)



- The Sioux Empire Livestock Show uses a weigh-back system for the Junior Prospect Calf Show.
- Junior prospect calf classes are open to **calves born in 2025**. There are no weight limits.
 - **Heifers are not classed by breed. Heifers are divided/classed by weight.**
- Calves can only be entered in one (1) division, as designated by entry form(s) and must be **accompanied with a copy of breed registration papers**.
 - Calves entered in a breed division class must be tattooed and must show a copy of registration papers at check-in.
 - If there is no copy of registration papers for the steer it will show in the **Commercial Division**.
 - **TATTOOS ARE REQUIRED! NO TATTOO, NO SHOW** (excluding commercial animals & heifers).
- Weight cards will be distributed to exhibitors during check-in. Exhibitors are responsible for turning in **completed** weight card(s) before check-in closes. This declared weight will become the animal's official weight. Exhibitors are responsible for weighing their own animals. A scale will be provided.
 - All junior prospect calf classes will be broken by weight in their respective divisions after check-in.
 - Classes within the respective division (listed below) will be divided by WEIGHT.
- No minimum number of entries required – a show is guaranteed for each breed(s) listed below.
- To show in both rings, entry fees must be paid for, for **BOTH** rings.
 - **Exhibitors will turn in one (1) weight card per animal.**
- First and second place in each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. Division and Reserve Division Champions will show for overall Grand and Reserve Champion.



At the conclusion of the show the **top 5** calves will be weighted and will have their tattoos verified (unless commercial). It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure the tattoo in the ear matches the tattoo on the registration papers. If the tattoos do not match or the animal is outside the 5% variance the animal will be disqualified and will forfeit any premiums.

Junior Market/Prospect Heifers may also show in the Junior Breeding Heifer Show on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026, provided the entry fees for the Junior Breeding Heifer Show have been/will be paid online/at Junior Breeding Heifer Show check-in.

Sioux Empire Livestock Show personnel reserve the right to adjust Rules and Regulations as seen fit.

RING A ENTRY FEES:

Early Online Entries - \$50 - per entry - Jan. 2nd, 2026.
Late Online Entries - \$75 - per entry - Jan. 22nd, 2026.
Late Entries at Check-In - \$100 – per entry.

RING B ENTRY FEES:

Early Online Entries - \$50 - per entry - Jan. 2nd, 2026.
Late Online Entries - \$75 - per entry - Jan. 22nd, 2026.
Late Entries at Check-In - \$100 – per entry.

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

SHOW ORDER RING A:

Market/Feeder Heifer	Maine-Anjou/MaineTainer
Angus	Red Angus
Charolais/Char Composite	Simmental
ChiAngus/ChiMaine/Chi-Influenced	Shorthorn
Gelbvieh & Balancer	Shorthorn Plus
Hereford	Commercial
Limousin/LimFlex	

AWARDS RING A:

Division champions and reserve champions will receive small banner.

Grand Champion Prospect Calf	\$1,500 + Showtimes Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Calf	\$1,000 + Showtimes Banner
3 rd Overall Prospect Calf	\$750 + Showtimes Banner
4 th Overall Prospect Calf	\$500 + Showtimes Banner
5 th Overall Prospect Calf	\$300 + Showtimes Banner
6 th Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
7 th Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
8 th Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
9 th Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
10 th Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner

SHOW ORDER RING B:

Starting after the selection of Champion Market Heifer

Market/Feeder Heifer	Maine-Anjou/MaineTainer
Angus	Red Angus
Charolais/Char Composite	Simmental
ChiAngus/ChiMaine/Chi-Influenced	Shorthorn
Gelbvieh & Balancer	Shorthorn Plus
Hereford	Commercial
Limousin/LimFlex	

AWARDS RING B:

Division champion and reserve champion will receive small banner.

Grand Champion Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
3 rd Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
4 th Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
5 th Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
6 th Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
7 th Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
8 th Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
9 th Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner
10 th Overall Prospect Calf	Showtimes Banner

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS:

Division 1: Senior – 14 years old and older.

Division 2: Junior – 11-13 years old.

Division 3: Beginner – 8-10 years old.

SHOWMANSHIP ENTRY FEES:

age as of Jan. 1, 2026.

Early Online Entries - \$50 - per entry - Jan. 2nd, 2026.

Late Online Entries - \$75 - per entry - Jan. 22nd, 2026.

Late Entries at Check-In - \$100 – per entry.

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS PAYOUTS:

Grand Champion Showman	\$100 + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Showman	\$50 + Banner

awards represent each division.

JUNIOR BREEDING HEIFER SHOW

Fri., Jan. 2, 2026 11:59 P.M. Early Online Entry Deadline
Thurs., Jan. 22, 2026 11:59 P.M. Late Online Entry Deadline
Fri., Jan. 30, 2026 8:00 A.M. Move-In
Fri., Jan. 30, 2026 8 - 10 A.M. Check-In
Sat., Jan. 31, 2026 9 A.M. RING A – Show Ring
Sat., Jan. 31, 2026 9:30 A.M. RING B – Show Ring

RULES & REGULATIONS:

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CHECK-IN: Exhibitors must turn in completed declared date of birth card(s) by the end of check-in (10 a.m.)



- Junior breeding heifer classes are open to calves born in **2025** and the **fall of 2024**.
- Date Of Birth (D.O.B.) cards will be distributed to exhibitors during check-in. Exhibitors are responsible for turning in completed D.O.B. card(s) before check-in closes.
 - All junior breeding heifer classes will be broken by D.O.B. in their respective divisions after check-in.
- Heifers can only be entered into one (1) division, as designated by entry form and must be **accompanied with a copy of breed registration papers**.
 - Heifers entered in a breed division class must be tattooed and must show a copy of registration papers at check-in.
 - If there is no copy of registration papers for the heifer, it will show in the **Commercial Division**.
 - TATTOOS ARE REQUIRED! NO TATTOO, NO SHOW (excluding commercial animals).
- No minimum number of entries required – a show is guaranteed for each breed(s) listed below.
- To show in both rings, entry fees must be paid for, for **BOTH** rings.
 - **Exhibitors will turn in one (1) D.O.B. card per animal.**
- First and second place in each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. Division and Reserve Division Champions will show for overall Grand and Reserve Champion.

At the conclusion of each show, the **top 5 heifers** will have tattoos checked. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure the tattoo in the ear matches the tattoo on the registration papers. If the tattoos do not match, the animal will be disqualified and will forfeit any premiums.

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ENTRY FEES & DEADLINE: Entries can be submitted at <https://sioux.fairwire.com/>

RING A ENTRY FEES:

Early Online Entries - \$50 - per entry - Jan. 2nd, 2026.
Late Online Entries - \$75 - per entry - Jan. 22nd, 2026.
Late Entries at Check-In - \$100 – per entry.

RING B ENTRY FEES:

Early Online Entries - \$50 - per entry - Jan. 2nd, 2026.
Late Online Entries - \$75 - per entry - Jan. 22nd, 2026.
Late Entries at Check-In - \$100 – per entry.

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

SHOW ORDER RING A:

AOB	Maine-Angus
Angus	Maine-Anjou
Charolais	MaineTainer
Char Composite	Miniature Breeds
Chianina	Red Angus
Chi-Influenced	Simmental
Gelbvieh & Balancer	Simmental %
Hereford	Shorthorn
Limousin	Shorthorn Plus
LimFlex	Commercial

Chi-Influenced includes; ChiAngus, ChiMaine, etc.

AWARDS RING A:

Division champions and reserve champions will receive a small banner.

Grand Champion Breeding Heifer	\$1,500 + Showtimes Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer	\$1,000 + Showtimes Banner
3 rd Overall Breeding Heifer	\$750 + Showtimes Banner
4 th Overall Breeding Heifer	\$500 + Showtimes Banner
5 th Overall Breeding Heifer	\$300 + Showtimes Banner
6 th Overall Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner
7 th Overall Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner
8 th Overall Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner
9 th Overall Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner
10 th Overall Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner

SHOW ORDER RING B:

Starting after the selection of Champion AOB Heifer-Ring A

AOB	Maine-Angus
Angus	Maine-Anjou
Charolais	MaineTainer
Char Composite	Miniature Breeds
Chianina	Red Angus
Chi-Influenced	Simmental
Gelbvieh & Balancer	Simmental %
Hereford	Shorthorn
Limousin	Shorthorn Plus
LimFlex	Commercial

Chi-Influenced includes; ChiAngus, ChiMaine, etc.

AWARDS RING B:

Division champions and reserve champions will receive small banner.

Grand Champion Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner
3 rd Overall Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner
4 th Overall Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner
5 th Overall Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner
6 th Overall Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner
7 th Overall Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner
8 th Overall Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner
9 th Overall Breeding Heifer	Showtimes Banner

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS:

SHOWMANSHIP ENTRY FEES:

age as of Jan. 1, 2026.

<i>Division 1: Senior – 14 years old and older.</i>	Early Online Entries - \$50 - per entry - Jan. 2 nd , 2026.
<i>Division 2: Junior – 11-13 years old.</i>	Late Online Entries - \$75 - per entry - Jan. 22 nd , 2026.
<i>Division 3: Beginner – 8-10 years old.</i>	Late Entries at Check-In - \$100 – per entry.

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS PAYOUTS:

Grand Champion Showman	\$100 + Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Showman	\$50 + Banner

awards represent each division.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS EXHIBITOR MEETING

Friday, Jan. 30, 2026, 4:00 P.M. North Side of Expo Building

Exhibitors who were selected to participate in the Sale of Champions are **required** to attend the exhibitor meeting, where final details of auction times, buyer backdrop picture details, and additional details, of where animals are to be left after the sale, will be discussed.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS

Friday, Jan. 30, 2026, 6 P.M. North Side of Expo Building

The Sale of Champions is held each year on the Friday of the Sioux Empire Livestock Show. Business leaders from the region gather for a social evening with dinner, program, and auction.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS

The Sale of Champions recognizes the best market livestock shown at the Sioux Empire Livestock Show by rewarding producers with premiums from the business community. The premiums for top five (5) market lambs, top five (5) market hogs, top five (5) market beef and top five (5) market goats will be sold at an auction. Premiums are paid directly to the exhibitors, who attend the show from all over the U.S. The Sale of Champions is a terminal sale.

SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

Additionally, community businesses and individuals donate scholarship auction items, which are either placed in the live auction during the Sale of Champions program or in the silent auction that takes place during the evening. Proceeds go toward the Sioux Empire Livestock Show Exhibitor Scholarships, which are awarded to young adults who are enrolled in or have been accepted to attend a two- or four-year program with plans to study agriculture.



SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, January 30, 2026

Social, 5 p.m. Program, 6 p.m.

W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds Expo Building

Purchase tickets at the Sioux Empire Livestock Show office or call the Chamber office at (605) 373-2050.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS GUARENTEED PREMIUM PAYOUT STRUCTURE

Based upon placing, the Sioux Empire Livestock Show established a guaranteed minimum payment for each exhibitor who qualifies for the Sale of Champions. The established guaranteed premium payout structure is listed below. When bidding exceeds the guaranteed premium amount at the live auction during the Sale of Champions, the guaranteed premium funds stay in the guaranteed premium pool. At the conclusion of the auction, any funds left in the guaranteed premium pool will be distributed amongst all 20 lots equally.

Place	Lot #	Base/Guaranteed Premium
Grand Champion Market Beef	1	\$5,000.00
Reserve Champion Market Beef	2	\$4,000.00
Grand Champion Market Hog	3	\$2,500.00
Reserve Champion Market Hog	4	\$2,000.00
Grand Champion Market Lamb	5	\$2,500.00
Reserve Champion Market Lamb	6	\$2,000.00
Grand Champion Market Goat	7	\$2,500.00
Reserve Champion Market Goat	8	\$2,000.00
3rd Place (Market Beef)	9	\$3,000.00
4th Place (Market Beef)	10	\$2,500.00
5th Place (Market Beef)	11	\$2,000.00
3rd Place (Market Hog)	12	\$1,500.00
4th Place (Market Hog)	13	\$1,250.00
5th Place (Market Hog)	14	\$1,000.00
3rd Place (Market Lamb)	15	\$1,500.00
4th Place (Market Lamb)	16	\$1,250.00
5th Place (Market Lamb)	17	\$1,000.00
3rd Place (Market Goat)	18	\$1,500.00
4th Place (Market Goat)	19	\$1,250.00
5th Place (Market Goat)	20	\$1,000.00

4-H LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON

Thursday Jan. 22, 2026, 5:00 P.M. Early Online Entry Deadline
Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026, 9:00 A.M. – NOON Check-In & Late Entries
Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026, 9:00 A.M. - NOON Expo Building

RULES & REGULATIONS:

The 2026 4-H Livestock Skill-A-Thon will be an individual contest only. **There will be no teams.**

The contest is open to youth/students who fit into the age divisions below. Contestants can only participate in the following age divisions:

- Age Divisions:
 - Beginner: Age 8-10 on or before Jan. 1
 - Junior: Age 11-13 on or before Jan. 1
 - Senior: Age 14-18 on or before Jan. 1

Sioux Empire Livestock Show personnel reserve the right to adjust Rules and Regulations as seen fit.

CONTEST INFORMATION: The skill-a-thon will be made up of livestock breed identification, livestock equipment identification, feed identification, retail meat cut identification, quiz, hay judging, meat judging, and wool judging. Five questions will be asked on one of the judging classes.

NOTE: Please bring clipboards and pencils.

EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE & FEES: Pre-registration is requested (but not required) by Jan. 16th, 2025, to wsweeter@lincolncountysd.org, in order to prepare materials. Registration will be allowed at check-in. No entry fee.

CHECK-IN: This is a come-and-go style contest. Please check-in before 11 a.m. to ensure contestants complete the contest before noon. Check-in will be located behind the bleachers in the northeast corner of the middle room of the Expo Building.

AWARDS: Results will be emailed to the address provided at check-in the week after the show is complete. Awards will be sent to county offices for distribution.

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Friday Jan. 2, 2026, 11:59 P.M. Early Online Entry Deadline
Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026, 12 – 12:45 P.M.. Check-In & Late Entries
Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026, 1 P.M. Expo Building

RULES & REGULATIONS:



The 2026 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest will be an individual contest only. **There will be no teams.**

The contest is open to youth/students who fit into the age divisions below. Contestants can only judge in the following age divisions:

- Age Divisions:
 - Beginner: Age 8-10 on or before Jan. 1.
 - Junior: Age 11-13 on or before Jan. 1.
 - Senior: Age 14-18 on or before Jan. 1.

Sioux Empire Livestock Show personnel reserve the right to adjust Rules and Regulations as seen fit.

CONTEST INFORMATION: Classes to be judged: 3-4 classes of cattle, 2-3 classes of swine, 2-3 classes of sheep/goats. Two (2) classes will have questions. Sioux Empire Livestock Show personnel reserve the right to alter classes depending on the availability of livestock.

Contestants will be allowed eight (8) minutes to judge each class. Question classes will determine ties.

NOTE: Please bring clipboards and pencils – we will be using scantron sheets for the contest.

EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE & FEES: Early online entries are accepted through January 2, 2026, at a rate of \$10 per individual contestant.

LATE ENTRY OPTION & FEES: Late entries are accepted at check-in, with an additional late fee of \$10 per individual contestant (\$20 per individual contestant at check-in).

ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS.

CHECK-IN: Sunday, Feb. 1, Noon-12:45 p.m., in between the bleachers in the center room of the Expo Building, by the concession stands.

AWARDS: Results will be posted on www.judgingcard.com. Awards will be mailed out after the contest. Please make sure there is a correct address on the registration form.

COLLEGIATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Friday Jan. 2, 2026, 11:59 P.M. Early Online Entry Deadline
Jan. 31, 2026, 6 P.M.. Coaches Meeting & Check-In
Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026, 8 A.M. Contest-Expo Building
Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026Awards Presentation-Southeast Technical College

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Eligibility: Junior colleges and senior colleges in the U.S. are eligible to enter the Livestock Judging Contest. The entry form, however, must be signed by the official team coach, confirming that all members of the team are eligible to compete in the contest. Colleges can enter as many teams as they desire. To be considered eligible to compete, contestants must have attended full time at the school from which they are competing.

Participation: Each Livestock Judging Team will consist of five (5) eligible members and all team scores will count in the team total. Each team member, along with individual participants/alternates, will be eligible for individual overall awards in their division.

Divisions:

- a. Junior College – Freshman – Contestants entered in this division must be enrolled in a junior college and cannot compete in this division more than two years.
- b. Junior College – Sophomore – Contestants entered in this division must be enrolled in a junior college and cannot compete in this division more than two years.
- c. Senior College – Contestants must be enrolled in a senior college.

Classes: Each class will consist of four animals. Animals within a class will be designated by numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4. The following classes will be judged: a total of three to four sheep/goat classes; a total of four to five classes of cattle; and a total of three to four swine classes (any combination of market and/or breeding hogs). Actual class makeup is subject to change within this list of classes.

Time: On each class of livestock, contestants will be allowed twelve (12) minutes to make their observations, record their placings, and take notes. All groups will be notified two (2) minutes before the time is up. All contestants shall hand their cards consisting of their number, class of animals and placings, to the group leader immediately when called for. When final time is called, groups will change to other classes as directed by the superintendent.

Reasons: After placing the classes, the contestants will appear before a judge to give oral reasons defending their placings on certain classes. Each contestant will be allowed two (2) minutes to give reasons on each class. No contestant will be allowed to hold any paper or device of any kind that will assist in stating reasons to the judge. Both divisions will give eight (8) sets of reasons: Four (4) cattle; two (2) swine and two (2) sheep/goat.

Additional information: Uniforms, college colors or any way of signifying to the judge his/her identity or the identity of the college represented is not allowed. While the contest is in progress, no conferring between contestants or anyone else, except as directed by the superintendent or representatives.

Contestants will be disqualified if caught conversing with any other contestant or coach during the contest or oral reasons. No warning will be given. You WILL be disqualified if you are conversing with any other contestant. Any coach or contestant who violates any of the rules of this contest will be barred from competing in future contests and their team will be disqualified for any awards. Use of cell phones or other electronic devices including smartwatches is prohibited.

- A. Ties/Scoring:** Ties will be broken using species reasons scores, overall reasons scores and overall score when breaking ties within species. Ties within reasons will be broken by overall score and ties within overall score will be broken by overall reasons. Scores tied after application of these tie breakers will be broken by a method determined by contest officials. No duplicate awards will be given. Team number and contestant number are assigned at registration. Contestant name, team number, contestant number and placing must be legible on the scorecards, which are provided by the Sioux Empire Livestock Show. Contestants must provide their own writing utensil.

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Junior College (Freshman) - Team Awards

High Team Overall	Cash Award & Banner
Reserve High Team Overall	Cash Award & Banner
3rd – 5th High Team Overall	Plaque
High Team Cattle, Sheep/Goats, Swine & Oral Reasons	Plaque

Junior College (Freshman) - Individual Awards

High Individual Overall	Plaque, Glassware & Travel Bag
2nd – 10th High Individual Overall	Leather Tray
1st – 5th High Individual Cattle, Sheep/Goats, Swine & Oral Reasons	Leather Luggage Tag

Junior College (Sophomore) - Team Awards

High Team Overall	Cash Award & Banner
Reserve High Team Overall	Cash Award & Banner
3rd – 5th High Team Overall	Plaque
High Team Cattle, Sheep/Goats, Swine & Oral Reasons	Plaque

Junior College (Sophomore) - Individual Awards

High Individual Overall	Plaque, Glassware & Travel Bag
2nd – 10th High Individual Overall	Leather Tray
1st – 5th High Individual Cattle, Sheep/Goats, Swine & Oral Reasons	Leather Luggage Tag

Senior College - Team Awards

High Team Overall	Cash Award & Banner
Reserve High Team Overall	Cash Award & Banner
3rd – 5th High Team Overall	Plaque
High Team Cattle, Sheep/Goats, Swine & Oral Reasons	Plaque

Senior College - Individual Awards

High Individual Overall	Plaque, Glassware & Travel Bag
2nd – 10th High Individual Overall	Leather Tray
1st – 5th High Individual Cattle, Sheep/Goats, Swine & Oral Reasons	Leather Luggage Tag

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