2014 Boyd County Fair Youth Livestock Show Rules

General Rules for All Species

- No adhesives, paints, or other artificial enhancements are allowed to be used. If they are found to be used, the participant and the animal will be disqualified from the show.

- All state health regulations must be complied with and will be strictly enforced, including a current (within 120 days of the opening day of the fair) health certificate from a veterinarian. A county health check will be set with a veterinarian at a date TBA.

- If the exhibitor intends to show in other shows, such as the regional KDA shows or state fair, they must have KUIP ID; (for beef, swine, goats and sheep). The KUIP registration dates and locations for Spring 2014 will be announced by the KDA in late winter/early spring. Call for these dates if interested.

- The auction of all animals shown in a market class is mandatory (feeder calves and stockers may be sold, or they may not be put in the auction if the exhibitor intends to bring them back next year as a market steer or replacement heifer). Animals shown in breeding classes will no longer be eligible for the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction. Each exhibitor may only sell one market animal unless an exhibitor has a grand or reserve champion. Breeding classes are not eligible for the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction.

- All Market Grand and Reserve Champions must sell at the auction.

- There will be an over/under show- awards will only be ribbons or trophies. There will be an over/under sale following resale for buyers.

- The exhibitor must write a minimum of five (5) letters to NEW potential buyers who have never purchased an animal at the Boyd County Fair Sale of Champions. This letter is to request the individuals or businesses to attend the auction and bid on the animal. A copy of these letters must be given in the record book. The Extension Office and/or Livestock Committee will contact each previous buyer. Animals will be sold per pound, based on drop-off weight. Animals must be paid for at the time of the auction. No bills will be sent to buyers.

- All animals must be fed and watered at least once daily and the bedding is to be changed a minimum of daily at least ½ hour (4:30 PM during the week) before the fair opens for the day. The first day these tasks are not done, a livestock committee member will do the tasks and a $25 fee will be assessed to the exhibitor. The second day these tasks are not done, the exhibitor will be required to remove the animal from the fairgrounds immediately upon arrival. These tasks are to be done by the exhibitors with assistance from friends or relatives if necessary. The species superintendent will have a check sheet for each exhibitor to sign in daily. Any assessed fee will be deducted from the premium/sale checks before distribution to the exhibitor.

- Procedures for Fair check out will be as follows: Stalls may not be cleaned until 1pm on Sunday following the fair. Exhibitors are required to be at fairgrounds when animals are being loaded for buyers. However, they are not to be in the barns unless asked to do so by Livestock Official. If you need to move an animal out that you bought or are taking home, see a barn superintendent for instructions.
It is the responsibility of the exhibiter to remove his or her animal from the fairgrounds at the appointed time and to deliver or make arrangements for delivery, any animal sold at the auction to the location chosen by the buyer. All animals must be removed by 1pm on the Sunday of closing fair. Animals are NOT to be removed until approved to be checked out by Livestock Show Officials. Load out schedule will be announced.

Official Boyd County Youth Livestock Record Books are mandatory for each animal (Market and Open) to be shown at the fair and must be presented to a livestock show official before the animals will be allowed to unload. Record books are provided by Boyd County 4-H.

A 22” x 28” poster, to be on display at each animal’s (Market and Open) pen or stall during the entire fair, is also required. This poster should contain age appropriate information about the animal and/or exhibitor, pictures, ration information, breed information, etc. The poster must include the participant’s name, age, and whether they are competing as a clover bud, junior, or senior. The poster is a requirement for each livestock entry, including poultry and rabbits.

Any animal deemed dangerous or uncontrollable by the Livestock Show Officials at drop off or during the fair will not be allowed to stay at the fair and must be removed immediately.

All cattle, sheep, goats, and swine that are to be shown at the Boyd County Fair must be owned and in possession by no later than 12:00 noon April 12th. They must be brought to the Boyd County Fairgrounds on April 11th between 5:00 – 7:00 PM or on April 12th between 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon for registration, weighing, and tagging. Any animal not meeting this requirement will not be eligible to be shown or exhibited at the 2014 Boyd County Fair. The youth who will be showing the animal must be present at this registration with the animal.

Exhibitors may weigh in multiple animals of the same species. (i.e. 1 market animal and 1 showmanship animal)

All participants must be Boyd County 4-H or FFA members who live or go to school in Boyd County. If you are from a county without a certified livestock program, the cross county lines application must be completed and approved 6 months before weigh-in dates. All participants must be 18 years or younger on January 1, 2014 or meet current 4-H or FFA participation requirements.

Classes will be set as determined by the Livestock Show Officials after all animals are checked in on the Monday of fair week.

All exhibitors are required to attend 6 hours of livestock training taught by certified livestock volunteers prior to weigh in, in order to be eligible to register their animal in the fair. Beginning 2015, all exhibitors must attend 4 livestock monthly meetings or livestock club sponsored events. One hour educational credit will be granted per club meeting. (This will not take effect until 2015) FFA members who have successfully completed an animal science course by a certified agriculture instructor, in the current school year are considered to have met the 6 hour rule. FFA Members that plan on showing will be required to attend one meeting or workshop in order to participate in the County Fair.

All rules and regulations will be enforced by the Livestock Show Officials and their decisions are final.

Absolutely no intact (non-castrated) males in the following species will be allowed to register on at the official weigh-in: beef, swine, goat, or sheep.
Replacement Animals - For animals that died between weigh in and April 30th a replacement animal can be sought after: Notifying a Livestock Committee Member and providing a death certificate or letter from a veterinarian and scheduling a weigh in time for replacement animal.

Exhibitors may drop off animals at the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 19 or Sunday, July 20 only if arrangements are made with your club leader by July 12. Exhibitors will be responsible for care of their animal during that time and are still required to weigh them in on Monday, July 21, 2014.
Lamb and Ewe Show

- Market Lamb Show – Animals must have been born after December 1st, 2012, wethers or ewes only. And weigh a minimum of 50 pounds at the fair weigh in to be eligible for Market class and sale. They must be sold at the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction.

- Breeding EWE Show – Animals must be at least one year old on day of show for a Senior Ewe show, and less than one year old for the Junior Ewe show (Note: animals shown as Breeding Ewes cannot be sold at the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction).

- All market lambs must be slick sheared.

- Single pen per animal. No double stalling.

- Minimum weight for lambs will be 50 lbs.

- All animals must have a scrapies tag before they will be allowed to unload to be weighed and registered on official weigh in.

- Any animal with horns must have them tipped back to no less than ½ inch in diameter, or be padded as approved by livestock committee or they will not be allowed to off-load at the fair on the drop-off date.

Goat Show

- Market Goat Show—Animals must have been born after December 1st, 2012, wethers or does only.

- Breeding Doe Show—Animals must be at least one year old on day of show for a Senior Doe show, and less than one year old for the Junior Doe show (Note: animals shown as Breeding Does cannot be sold at the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction).

- Dairy Goat Class- information to follow on requirements.

- Minimum weight on goats will be 50 lbs.

- Single pen per animal. No double stalling.

- Any animal with horns must have them tipped back to no less than ½ inch in diameter, or be padded as approved by livestock committee or they will not be allowed to off-load at the fair on the drop-off date.

- All animals must have a scrapies tag before they will be allowed to unload to be weighed and registered on official weigh in date.
Swine Show

- Market Swine Show – Gilts or barrows only. As of drop off on the Monday of fair week, animals MUST weigh at least 200 lbs and no more than 280 lbs. A 2 percent allowance on minimum weight may be made, at the discretion of the Livestock Show Officials. They must be sold at the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction.

- Breeding Gilt Show - As of drop off, animals MUST weigh at least 200 lbs and no more than 350 lbs. Any swine not weighing in this range will not be allowed to be shown. A 2 percent allowance on minimum weight may be made, at the discretion of the Livestock Show Officials. Gilt is to never have had a litter. (Note: animals shown as Breeding Gilts cannot be sold at the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction).

- Roaster Swine Class – As of drop off, animals must weigh less than 200 lbs.

- Single pen per animal. No double stalling.

Steer and Heifer Shows

- Feeder Calf Show – Any steer or heifer weighing 499 lbs or less will be shown in this class. They are eligible for sale in the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction.

- Stocker Calf Show—Any steer or heifer weighing 500 lbs to 849 lbs will be shown in this class. They are eligible for sale in the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction.

- Market Steer Show – Any steer weighing more than 850 lbs will be shown in this class. They must be sold at the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction.

- Dairy Cattle Class – Division will be determined.

- Replacement Heifer Show – Any heifer weighing more than 850 lbs will be shown in this class and will NOT be eligible for the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction. The heifer is to never have had a calf.

Poultry Show

- All poultry exhibited at the Boyd County Fair must meet all applicable state health regulations. A representative of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will be at the fair to take a blood sample for testing from all poultry entered.

- Market Chicken Show—all chickens eligible for the Market Poultry Show and Livestock Auction must be purchased by lot per the following: Chicks will be ordered in bulk; they will be sold to those youth wanting to show market chickens at the fair; they will be sold for $10.00 per six chicks; they will be paid for in advance no later than 12:00 noon on April 20th; the appropriate number of chicks will then be ordered; chicks will arrive at the Boyd County fairgrounds TBA only these chicks are eligible for the Market Show and the auction all others must be shown in the Open Show.
Chickens are to be shown and judged at the fair as a pen of two (2), with a limit of one (1) pen per exhibitor. These Market Chickens are eligible for the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction. All market chickens will be registered on the date of pick-up.

Open Poultry Show—all fowl and poultry that are not entered in the Market Chicken show are eligible for the Open Poultry Show. All poultry eligible for the Open Poultry Show MUST be registered and tagged by Boyd County Livestock Show officials at the fairgrounds TBA.

All open poultry chickens MUST be registered and tagged by Boyd County Livestock Show officials at the fairgrounds TBA. No Late entries.

Open Poultry Show animals are NOT eligible to be sold at the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction.

The Best of Show winner may come from either the Market Poultry Show or the Open Poultry Show.

Classes will be set as needed as determined by the livestock committee. Those may include: water fowl, turkeys, guineas, bantams, egg layers, fancy chickens, etc…

Rabbit Show

Open Rabbit Show—all rabbits not entered in the market meat rabbit show are eligible for the open rabbit show. Open Rabbit Show entries are NOT eligible for sale at the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction. They open rabbits will need to be checked in TBA in order to be shown at the 2013 Boyd County Fair.

Rabbits will be shown in pens of 2- they must be 2 of a matching breed. Open rabbits can be shown in single pens.

All rabbits eligible for the Market Meat Rabbit Show and Open Rabbit Show MUST be registered and tagged by Boyd County Livestock Show officials at the fairgrounds TBA. No Late entries.

The Best of Show winner may come from either the Market Meat Rabbit Show or the Open Rabbit Show.

Classes will be set as needed as determined by the livestock committee. Those may include: fur, miniature, and specific breeds, etc…
Important dates and information for all livestock are as follows:

Initial Registration, Weighing, and Tagging for cattle, swine, sheep, and goats: Friday April 11th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, and Saturday April 12th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Market Chick order and payment must be made by April 12th by 12:00 noon.

Market Chicks are to be picked up TBA. They will also be registered at this time.

Initial registration and banding/tagging of Open Poultry, Market Rabbits, and Open Rabbits is TBA.

Drop off: Monday July 21st from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

Show Times: TBA

Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction Begins: Saturday, July 26, 2014.

Removal: Sunday July 27th by 1:00 pm. This is the exhibitor’s responsibility and they are expected to have made arrangements and be present. If an animal is sold at the auction, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to arrange with the buyer to remove the animal to where the buyer wants it to go.

If an exhibitor asks a buyer for their animal to be returned to them, or if they ask for a buyer to give them an animal without purchasing it through the auction, or resale, they will automatically forfeit the sale of their animal and the purchase price will be returned to the buyer. If the buyer, of their own accord, offers the animals back to the exhibitor, that is permissible and no action will be taken.

All livestock shows are youth shows. All market, breeding, and feeder shows are open only to youth 18 years old and younger, as of the January 1, 2014, or actively enrolled in a 4-H and/or FFA club.
Awards, Premiums, and Auction Information for the Youth Show

All awards will be presented during the Awards Ceremony held in the Franks Building.

Large and Small Animal Livestock shows (cattle, sheep, goats, swine, chicken and rabbits) - 1st place - $100; 2nd place - $60; trophies will be presented to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each show. Class winners will receive $25 for 1st and $15 for 2nd place in class. Each animal shown will be awarded a ribbon using the Danish System. Exhibitors will receive premiums of $5, $3, and $2 for Danish ribbons.

Showmanship – 1st place - $25; 2nd place - $15; trophies will be presented to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each show. Each animal shown will be awarded a ribbon using the Danish System. Other exhibitors will receive premiums of $5, $3, and $2 for Danish ribbons.

Record Books – 1st place - $25; 2nd place - $15; 3rd place - $10 for each class. The record books classes are set as follows: Senior, Junior and Cloverbud for EACH of the following species: Beef, Swine, Goat, Sheep, Chicken and Rabbit.

Posters – 1st place - $15; 2nd place - $10; 3rd place - $5 for each class. The poster classes are set as follows: Senior, Junior and Cloverbud for EACH of the following species: Beef, Swine, Goat, Sheep, Chicken and Rabbit.

Outstanding Exhibitor Award – Outstanding Exhibitor of the week will receive $25; ribbons will be given for the exhibitor of the day each day. Exhibitors must be present in the livestock barns area daily between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to be considered for this daily award. The award is based on the cleanliness of their pens/stalls and their care of their animal(s) and interaction with the public and other exhibitors. Daily winners will be recognized by having a banner exhibited on their pen/stall. If pens/stalls and animals are maintained and cared for by someone other than the exhibitor, points will not be awarded and exhibitor will be disqualified from this competition.

Average Daily Gain - For market beef and swine, there will be an average daily weight gain contest. All animals will be weighed at the initial check in and again at drop off. Those who qualify for the market meat classes will be eligible for the weight gain contest. Reweighs may be conducted per request before 9pm on Monday of fair check in.

Sale of Champions – The Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction will begin with the grand champion of each show to be sold selling first. Then the remaining animals will be sold in their order of finish in their class, i.e. reserve champion, third place, etc. Each year the order will rotate among the species. There will be a resale for auction buyers followed by and over/under sale. Each exhibitor will have 2% withheld from auction money for awards banquet and program improvement.

All auction checks are to be made payable to the Boyd County Fair.

Any loan amount owed to the Boyd County Fair will be deducted from auction/premium checks, as will any amounts owed for not cleaning pens on time.