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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Nevada County Fair Requires Mandatory Registration of Market Animals for 2013 Fair

The Nevada County Fair's mandatory registration deadline for all market beef is 4:00 pm, Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The mandatory registration deadline of all other large market animals is 4:00 pm, Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Junior beef exhibitors may register their market animals at the Fair's Administration Office, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm, beginning March 18<sup>th</sup>. The absolute deadline for market beef registration is 4:00 pm, Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Goat, lamb and hog exhibitors may register their market animals beginning May 20<sup>th</sup>. The absolute deadline for market goat, sheep and swine registration is 4:00 pm, Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

All FFA, 4-H, Grange and Independent exhibitors are required to register their market animals for the Fair on the dates specified above. Along with the completed entry form and entry fees the exhibitor must also present a photograph of themselves with their market animal and a Bill of Sale to Fair officials; the exhibitor should request this Bill of Sale from the person who sold them their market animal, or if an exhibitor bred their own

animal, they must present a letter so stating. Market Beef exhibitors must also complete a transportation slip. Entry forms, transportation slips and detailed instructions are available at the 4-H Office, through FFA Advisors and at the Fair Administration Office.

An exhibitor can bring in their own entry forms with the additional required documents and entry fees or it can be done by the club leader/chapter advisor for the group. Individual parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, etc., cannot bring in someone else's paperwork. It either has to be done as an individual exhibitor in person or as a group by the signing leader and/or advisor.

To exhibit a large market animal at the 2013 Nevada County Fair, exhibitors must be 9 years old or in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade by January 1, 2013 and must be a Nevada County Junior. A Nevada County Junior exhibitor is defined as:

- An exhibitor whose legal residence is within the boundaries of the Nevada County Fair and who attends a school within Nevada County, or
- An exhibitor who lives outside Nevada County, attends a school in Nevada County and is a member of the FFA, Nevada County 4-H or Nevada County Grange, or
- An exhibitor who is a Nevada County resident enrolled and attending college and is a member of the FFA, Nevada County 4-H or Nevada County Grange.

Although an exhibitor may enter only one large market animal in the Fair, each exhibitor will be allowed to register a maximum of 2 animals per species, not to exceed 4 animals in total. The Fair appreciates that exhibitors often choose to raise more than one market animal, giving them the option of bringing their finest quality animal to the Fair to sell through the Junior Livestock Auction, which is scheduled during the Fair on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. A family may choose to register a second animal to be shared by their children in the event that one of their children needs to bring a back-up animal.

The 2013 "Under the Big Top" Nevada County Fair is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>. For information on market animal registration or becoming involved in the Junior Livestock Auction as a buyer or volunteer, call the Fair at 273-6217. For more information, visit www.NevadaCountyFair.com.