

mail: P.O. Box 2687, Grass Valley, CA 95945 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95949 phone: 530-273-6217 fax: 530-273-1146 website: www.nevadacountyfair.com

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 8, 2012

Contact: Robin Hauck, Deputy Manager

(530) 273-6217; Robin@NevadaCountyFair.com

Nevada County Fair Requires Mandatory Registration of Market Animals for 2012 Fair

The Nevada County Fair's mandatory registration deadline for all market beef is 4:00 pm, Friday, April 6th. The mandatory registration deadline of all other large market animals is 4:00 pm, Friday, June 8th.

Junior beef exhibitors may register their market animals at the Fair's Administration Office during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, beginning March 26th. The absolute deadline for market beef registration is 4:00 pm, Friday, April 6th. Goat, lamb and hog exhibitors may register their market animals beginning May 29th. The absolute deadline for market goat, sheep and swine registration is 4:00 pm, Friday, June 8th.

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 additional instructions are available at the 4-H Office, through FFA Advisors and at the Fair Administration Office.

For 2012, an exhibitor can bring in their own entry forms, 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 2012 Nevada County Fair, exhibitors must be 9 years old or in the 4th grade by January 1, 2012 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 12th. 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 2012 Nevada County Fair is scheduled for August 8th through 12th. For more 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.