

**2023 MOTHER LODE FAIR**  
**JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT**  
**INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR PROGRAM**  
**(ALL SPECIES)**

Welcome to the Mother Lode Fair Junior Livestock Independent Exhibitor Program. Included here are your required forms and record book forms for 2023. Please make sure that you read the State and Local rules for the Mother Lode Fair. **These requirements are for ALL Independent Exhibitors in the Junior Livestock Department at the 2023 Mother Lode Fair.**

QUALIFICATIONS FROM LOCAL RULES

Livestock classes are open to members of 4-H clubs and FFA and Grange chapters located in Tuolumne County. Independent Exhibitors must be residents of Tuolumne County.

QUALIFICATIONS FROM STATE RULES

VII, 10 Independent exhibitors must be at least 9 years old by January 1, 2023 to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse, Alpaca & Llama) competitions at California fairs. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Youth may be ineligible to participate as an Independent if documented disciplinary action involving their project(s) has been taken against them by 4-H, FFA, or Grange organizations. Length of ineligibility to be determined by Fair Management.

VII, 17 Juniors who have been 4-H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent juniors or enter project(s) under a different organization.

VII, 18 All junior exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available as to the length of project.

VII, 19 Independent junior exhibitors entering market animals must provide Fair Management with a picture of their animal, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent tag, tattoo and/or hog ear notch information 120 days prior to the fair for beef and 60 days for sheep, swine and goats.

VII, 20 All junior exhibitors must have "on ground" supervision by a responsible adult.

Requirements for eligible Independent Exhibitors are as follows:

- Must turn in Independent Application, signed by both exhibitor and parent no later than:
  - Beef: February 25, 2023
  - Swine, Sheep, and Goats: April 29, 2023
  - Rabbits and Poultry: May 28, 2022
- Copy of bill of sale and a picture of the animal **with the exhibitor** must be included with the Independent application.
- Must attend mandatory preweigh:
  - Market Beef: Saturday, February 25, 2023, times to be assigned, Gardella's Ranch
  - Market Swine, Sheep, and Goats: Saturday, April 29, 2023, times to be assigned, Fairgrounds
  - Exhibitors of market animals **must be present** for preweigh to be eligible to show and sell. Exceptions must be requested in writing and have prior approval before preweigh to the Mother Lode Fair Livestock Superintendent, 220 Southgate Drive, Sonora.
- All exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals ([www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org)) program online prior to the fair entry deadline of June 2, 2023.
- Fill out and submit Mother Lode Fair Livestock entry forms (either via online entries or handwritten forms), along with the appropriate payment(s), by the entry deadline of June 2, 2023.
- Independent exhibitors are required to purchase liability insurance coverage through the Fair Office at the time of fair entry. The fee is **per exhibitor** regardless of species exhibited or the number of entries. If multiple entry forms are submitted, the insurance fee is only paid once.
- Exhibitors shall be supervised **AT ALL TIMES** while caring for or showing their animal(s) at the Fair by a parent or adult guardian. Exhibitors and their responsible chaperone will be required to sign in each day of the Fair in the Livestock Office. Independent exhibitors will be solely responsible for the feeding, care and cleaning of pens for their own exhibits.
- Independent exhibitors will be required to attend a meeting set by the Fair with their parent or guardian in attendance. The time and location will be announced after the close of entries. Independent exhibitors are expected to abide by rules as set forth by the Fair concerning all Livestock exhibitors. Independent exhibitors should be familiar with State and Local rules for the Mother Lode Fair, as well as the rules for the Junior Livestock Auction.

# 2023 Mother Lode Fair – INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR APPLICATION

NOTE: THIS IS NOT YOUR FAIR ENTRY FORM

NAME OF EXHIBITOR: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (AS OF JANUARY 1): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

## Species exhibiting at the Fair:

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef (must own for 120 days)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sheep (must own for 60 days)

\_\_\_\_\_ Swine (must own for 60 days)

\_\_\_\_\_ Goat (must own for 60 days)

\_\_\_\_\_ Rabbit (must own for 30 days)

\_\_\_\_\_ Poultry (must own for 30 days)

\_\_\_\_\_  
EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

## EXHIBITOR/PARENT/FAIR AGREEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ will be participating in the 2023 Mother Lode Fair. I agree to abide by all guidelines, local and state rules that govern the Mother Lode Fair.

**Independent** exhibitors must be age 9 on January 1, 2023. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

**Independent and Grange** junior exhibitors up through age 13 as of December 31, 2022 will show in the appropriate 4-H Division. Independent and Grange junior exhibitors age 14-18 as of December 31, 2022 will show in the appropriate FFA Division.

**Ownership Requirements:** Independent exhibitors must meet all ownership requirements.

**Parent/Guardian Signature** is a requirement by the fair to certify that: Projects have been under their direct supervision in accordance with the rules and regulations of the fair; and the entry is the project of the exhibitor and is eligible for exhibit. Failure or refusal of parent/guardian to sign the required entry form will disqualify the entry.

**Leaving an Organization:** Juniors who have been a 4-H, FFA, or Grange member within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the fair are **not eligible** to compete in that project as an independent exhibitor.

**Record Book:** All independent exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available for the length of the project. Record books must be available for examination by Livestock Staff or the Sale Committee during the fair.

**Picture and Bill of Sale:** Independent exhibitors entering market animals must provide Fair Management with a picture of the **exhibitor with their animal**, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent ear tag, tattoo and/or hog ear notch information 120 days prior to the fair for beef; 60 days for sheep, swine, and goats; 30 days for poultry and rabbit.

**On Grounds Supervision:** All independent exhibitors are solely responsible for the feeding, care and cleaning of pens of their own exhibits. All animals must be fed and watered in a timely manner, in accordance with the Livestock Rules. All independent exhibitors and their parent/responsible adult must sign in at the Livestock Office by 8 AM daily during the fair.

**I have personally read and understand the above terms and agree to abide by them.**

Exhibitor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fair Livestock Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_