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*“All the adversity I've had in my life, all my troubles and obstacles, have strengthened me...You may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you.”*  
- Walt Disney (1901-1966)

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## 2020-2021 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Deadlines

	MS State Fair		District Shows / Dixie National Junior Round-Up	
	Ownership	Entry	Ownership	Entry
<b>Market Steers</b>	September 1	September 1	September 1	September 1
<b>Market Lambs</b>	September 1	September 1	September 1	September 1
<b>Market Goats</b>	September 1	September 1	September 1	September 1
<b>Market Hair Sheep</b>	September 1	September 1	September 1	September 1
<b>Commercial Beef Heifers</b>	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1
<b>Commercial Meat Goat Does</b>	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1
<b>Wether Dams</b>	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1
<b>Commercial Gilts</b>	N/A	N/A	December 1	December 1
<b>Market Hogs</b>	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1
<b>Beef Breeding</b>	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1
<b>Dairy Cattle</b> (purebred and commercial heifers/cows)	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1
<b>Dairy Goats</b>	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1

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► **REMINDER: NEW 4-H/FFA MEMBERS MUST BE ETHICS CERTIFIED TO SHOW!!**

The Mississippi State Fair will be here soon and the Mississippi Livestock Quality Assurance training for **NEW** exhibitors, parents or guardians, and volunteers must be completed by October 1, 2020. Code of Conduct Forms are to be requested from ADS.

► **OFFICIAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE – REMINDER**

An Official Health Certificate with each animal identified will be required on all livestock showing at the 2020 Mississippi State Fair. This includes all market animals, beef breeding cattle, commercial beef heifers, dairy cattle (purebred and commercial dairy heifers/cows), dairy goats, commercial breeding ewes, and commercial meat goat does.

► **MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR PREMIUM BOOKS**

Each county will receive 2 Mississippi State Fair Premium Books in the county packet as soon as they are available. A PDF file of the premium book will also be sent by email and posted on the MSU Extension website under the link for Livestock and then Youth Livestock. Please make sure your exhibitors and parents have a copy of the rules for the shows in which they participate. A copy of the schedule of events is included in this newsletter.

► **DAIRY SWEETHEART CONTESTS AND MEAT GOAT PRINCESS CONTEST**

A Junior and Senior Dairy Cattle Sweetheart, a Junior and Senior Dairy Goat Sweetheart, and a Junior and Senior Meat Goat Princess will be selected during the Mississippi State Fair. Winners will be selected based on poise, beauty, personality and knowledge of their project. The top 3 of each division will receive awards. Rules and regulations concerning the contest are found in the Mississippi State Fair catalog. Please have the entries to our office by September 25, 2020. Please encourage your girls enrolled in dairy and goat projects to enter this year. Winners will be announced according to times listed in the 2020 Mississippi State Fair Premium Book.

► **COMMERCIAL HEIFER AND MARKET STEER EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!**

Check with your 4-H/FFA exhibitors that are exhibiting steers and commercial beef and dairy heifers about **horns**. All commercial heifers and steers showing at the Mississippi State Fair and District and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows must be polled or dehorned with no scurs or re-growth to exceed 1½ inches above the skin line. Remember the minimum weight on commercial heifers is **500** pounds for the Mississippi State Fair. ALL exhibitors are responsible for weighing their commercial heifers and market steers and declaring their animal's show weight on a weight card. Official scales will be made available for weighing livestock.

► **MARKET GOAT EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!**

Check with your 4-H/FFA exhibitors who are exhibiting market goats about horns. Goats may be shown that are polled, dehorned, or disbudded with no re-growth to exceed 1½" above the skin line. Removal of horns is not allowed on the show grounds. Remember the minimum weight of market goats is **40** pounds with no maximum weight for the Mississippi State Fair. ALL exhibitors are responsible for weighing their market goats and declaring their animal's show weight on a weight card. Official scales will be made available for weighing livestock.

► **COMMERCIAL MEAT GOAT DOE SHOW EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!**

Remember the minimum weight of commercial meat goat does is **40** pounds with no maximum weight for the Mississippi State Fair. ALL exhibitors are responsible for weighing their commercial meat goat does and declaring their animal's show weight on a weight card. Official scales will be made available for weighing livestock.

► **MARKET LAMB EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!**

Remember the minimum weight of market lambs is **70** pounds with no maximum weight for the Mississippi State Fair. ALL exhibitors are responsible for weighing their market lambs and declaring their animal's show weight on a weight card. Official scales will be made available for weighing livestock.

► **WETHER DAM EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!**

Remember the minimum weight of wether dams is **75** pounds with no maximum weight for the Mississippi State Fair. ALL exhibitors are responsible for weighing their wether dams and declaring their animal's show weight on a weight card. Official scales will be made available for weighing livestock.

► **MARKET HOG EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!**

Remember the minimum weight of market hogs is **200** pounds with no maximum weight for the Mississippi State Fair. ALL exhibitors are responsible for weighing their market hogs and declaring their animal's show weight on a weight card. Official scales will be made available for weighing livestock.

► **COMMERCIAL DAIRY HEIFER EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!**

Remember the minimum weight of commercial dairy heifers is **200** pounds for the Mississippi State Fair.

► **NEW ADDITION TO COMMERCIAL DAIRY CATTLE SHOW – COW CLASSES**

This year, there will be commercial dairy cow classes added to the commercial dairy cattle show. Heifers who have never calved are eligible for the commercial dairy heifer show. Those heifers who have calved will be shown in the commercial dairy cow show. The commercial dairy cow classes will immediately follow the commercial dairy heifer classes and will closely follow the commercial dairy heifer show rules (excluding minimum weight).

Commercial Dairy Cow Classes

1. Light Weight
2. Medium Weight
3. Heavy Weight
4. Grand Champion Commercial Dairy Cow
5. Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Dairy Cow

► **NEW RULES FOR JUNIOR MARKET HAIR SHEEP SHOW**

1. Exhibitors can nominate the number of animals they desire. At the Mississippi State Fair, the number of animals that one can check-in/weigh-in and exhibit include a total of six (6) market hair sheep.
2. Pen assignments will be made by show management. Reserving pens will not be allowed! Check with penning superintendent upon arrival for pen assignments which will also be posted.
3. The minimum weight is 70 pounds with no maximum weight.
4. Exhibitors must declare the show weight of market hair sheep. Certified scales will be available at times set by show management as outlined in the schedule. Weight cards for market hair sheep must be turned in by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9 in Barn 7.
5. All market hair sheep will be classified on Friday, October 9, during the times listed in the livestock show schedule. The following Hair Sheep Standards will be used to determine if the sheep qualifies for the Market Hair Sheep Show. If the market hair sheep does not meet the classification standards for the market hair sheep show, it will be moved to the market lamb show.
  - A. Acceptable Standards
    1. Conformation - long, deep, wide body with well sprung ribs and excellent muscling. Relationship between body depth and hip height should be in equal proportion. Avoid extremely leggy, shallow bodied lambs.
    2. Head should be strong, bold, with a deep jaw.
    3. Polled or small horns or scurs no more than 1½" above the skin line .
    4. Must have at least 1/3 hair primarily on belly, forearm, and britch. Enough length of hair should be left to distinguish between hair and wool on each sheep. If the classifier cannot make a judgement to properly classify the sheep due to it being shorn too closely, the sheep will be moved to the market lamb show.
    5. Moderate size ear with no wool covering.
    6. No wool below the knees and hocks.
    7. No wool forward of poll.

► **NEW RULES FOR JUNIOR MARKET HAIR SHEEP SHOW (continued)**

- B. Unacceptable Standards
  - 1. Excessive wool covering more than 2/3 of body (belly, forearm, and britch).
  - 2. Long, pendulous ears.
  - 3. Long, narrow muzzle.
  - 4. Wool forward of poll.
- C. Absolute Disqualifications
  - 1. All wool or very little evidence of hair on belly, forearm, or britch.
  - 2. Wool below the knees or hocks
  - 3. Wool on the ears.
- 6. The first and second place animals in each class of market hair sheep will be required to weigh back after their respective class. The animal must weigh within 5% of the overage or it will be disqualified. Animals will be weighed once (no re-weighs). If either or both first or second place animals are disqualified, weighing through the order of the class will continue until an official first and second are determined. Show management will designate an individual to accompany each animal and exhibitor to the scales for weigh back.
- 7. All livestock must remain in their assigned pens except animals that are being washed, groomed, shown or exercised. Animals taken to be exercised must remain in their assigned barn or in their respective show arena. After entering the show grounds, at no time will animals be allowed in a trailer except for loading to leave.
- 8. Exhibitors must purchase an 840 USDA Official EID ear tag matched set for each market hair sheep through the State 4-H Livestock Office. Market hair sheep must be ear tagged prior to making entry and the EID tag number must match what was entered at the time of show or that animal will be disqualified. The Extension Agent or FFA Advisor must verify all market hair sheep are under the exhibitor's supervision by September 1. In addition, all other ear tags must be removed from market hair sheep excluding MS Bred tags, official show tags or scrapie tags.
- 9. Each exhibitor shall clip, groom, and dress his/her own animal throughout ownership period and while at the Mississippi State Fair. However, an exhibitor may be assisted in the clipping, grooming or dressing of his/her animal by his/her immediate family (limited to parents, legal guardians, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles), county extension agents, agriculture education teacher, other eligible 4-H or FFA exhibitors or volunteer leaders (un-paid) who are permanent residents of Mississippi and are officially certified by the county extension agent or agricultural education teacher. It is unethical to pay anyone to assist in grooming or fitting of animals. In addition, exhibitors and their animals may attend dressing, grooming and showmanship workshops or clinics where experienced persons may teach exhibitors how to prepare themselves and their animals for shows. However, no animal to be shown at any of the shows shall be taken to any such workshop or clinic within 10 days prior to the show at which the animal will be shown. An educational workshop or clinic is defined as a group training session which is available to all exhibitors within a certain county, area or district. Such educational workshops or clinics may consist of lectures, demonstrations and hands-on experience by the participants. This rule does not apply to the removal of horns or the trimming of hooves.
- 10. 10 All entries are to abide by and subject to the General Rules and Regulations.
- 11. Individual exhibitors at the Mississippi State Fair are limited to three entries per class.

**Lots and Order of Show**

- 1. Division 1
- 2. Division 2
- 3. Division 3
- 4. Grand Champion Market Hair Sheep
- 5. Reserve Grand Champion Market Hair Sheep

# TENTATIVE 2020 MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

## Thursday, October 8, 2020

- 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Stall and pen assignments for early arriving lambs, steers and breeding cattle  
**(All stall and pen assignments to be made by show management)**
- 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Scales open for weighing market lambs, wether dams, market hair sheep, market steers, and commercial beef heifers

## Friday, October 9, 2020

- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Stall and pen assignments for lambs, steers and beef breeding cattle
- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Scales open for weighing all lambs, market steers and commercial beef heifers
- 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Process beef breeding entries (Livestock Office)
- 12:00 Noon Deadline for arrival of all junior lambs, steers, commercial beef heifers and beef breeding cattle
- 12:00 Noon – 5 p.m. Classify commercial beef heifers and market steers – Barn 11 or designated area
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mouth wether dams – Barn 7
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Check horn length on market steers – Barn 11
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Classify market hair sheep – Barn 7
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mouth and check horn length on commercial beef heifers – Barn 11
- 5:00 p.m. Deadline for CORRECTIONS in Lamb Showmanship entries
- 5:00 p.m. Deadline to turn in weight cards for all lambs – Barn 7
- 5:00 p.m. Deadline to turn in weight cards for market steers and commercial beef heifers – Barn 11
- 5:00 p.m. Deadline for CORRECTIONS in Beef Showmanship entries

## Saturday, October 10, 2020

- 8:00 a.m. Junior Market Steer Show - Judging Arena (Two rings – Progress Steers on one side and Prospect Steers on the other side); steers released after showing  
Junior Commercial Beef Heifer Show - Judging Arena (two rings); Start 15 minutes after Market Steer Show; heifers released after showing
- 1:00 p.m. Junior Lamb Shows - Barn 8 – (showmanship; wether dams; market lambs; market hair sheep)  
lambs released after showing

## Sunday, October 11, 2020

- 8:00 a.m. Arrival of Junior and Open Market Swine
- 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Scales open for weighing market junior and open market swine
- 9:00 a.m. Junior Cattlemen's Assn. Meeting - Sales Arena
- 9:30 a.m. Devotional Service - Sales Arena
- 10:30 a.m. Present 4-H/FFA Replacement Beef Heifer Development Contest Awards – Judging Arena
- 11:00 a.m. Beef Showmanship - Judging Arena (two rings)
- 12:00 Noon Deadline for arrival of Junior and Open Market Swine
- 4:00 p.m. Deadline to turn in weight cards for market swine – Barn 7
- 4:00 p.m. Deadline for CORRECTIONS in Swine Showmanship entries

## Monday, October 12, 2020

- 8:00 a.m. Junior Beef Breeding Show - Judging Arena (two rings); cattle released after showing
- 10:00 a.m. Open Market Swine Show - Swine Barn
- 10:15 a.m. Junior Market Hog Show - Swine Barn; market hogs released after showing

# TENTATIVE 2020 MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

## Wednesday, October 14, 2020

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Stall early arriving Open Dairy Cattle Show animals

## Thursday, October 15, 2020

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Scales open for weighing market goats and commercial meat goat does  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Process dairy cattle entries  
12:00 noon Deadline for arrival of Junior and Open Show dairy cattle  
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Weigh commercial dairy heifers and cows – Barn 11  
3:00 p.m. Deadline for CORRECTIONS in Dairy Cattle Showmanship entries  
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Process dairy goat entries and deadline for CORRECTIONS in Dairy Goat Showmanship  
4:00 p.m. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat Sweetheart Contests – Location to be determined  
5:00 p.m. Deadline for arrival of 4-H/FFA Dairy Goats

## Friday, October 16, 2020

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Scales open for weighing commercial meat goat does and market goats  
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Mouth commercial meat goat does  
8:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show - Barn 8 - Showmanship followed by Sr. Does and Jr. Does  
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Check horn length on market goats  
9:00 a.m. Deadline for arrival of 4-H/FFA Market Goat and Commercial Meat Goat Does  
9:00 a.m. Open Dairy Cattle Show - Judging Arena  
9:00 a.m. Deadline for CORRECTIONS in Goat Showmanship (Market and Meat Goat Doe) entries  
10:00 a.m. Market Goat Princess Contests - Location to be determined  
11:00 a.m. Deadline to turn in weight cards for market goats and commercial meat goat does – Barn 7  
12:00 Noon Goat Showmanship (Market Goats and Commercial Meat Goat Does) - Barn 7  
4-H/FFA Meat Goat Doe Show - Barn 7 (Start 15 minutes after Goat Showmanship)  
1:00 p.m. Two-Year-Old Jersey Futurity - Judging Arena  
1:15 p.m. Two-Year-Old Holstein Futurity - Judging Arena  
7:00 p.m. Special Dairy Classes - Judging Arena  
8:00 p.m. Arrival of Open Show dairy & meat goats

## Saturday, October 17, 2020

8:00 a.m. MGA Open Dairy Goat Show - Barn 8  
8:30 a.m. Junior Dairy Cattle Show - Judging Arena  
(Showmanship followed by the Commercial Dairy Heifer and Cow Shows and Junior Dairy Purebred Show)  
8:30 a.m. Junior Market Goat Show - Barn 7; released after showing  
4:00 p.m. Release all dairy cattle