# LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT
## INFORMATION, RULES & GUIDELINE

All entries are Due Online by August 1, 2026

**ALL LIVESTOCK CHECKOUT UPON COMPLETION OF THE AUCTION**
**TIMES & LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.SSYLS.COM**

### ENTRY INFORMATION

1. The Silver State Youth Livestock Show & Expo market and breeding shows are open to all individuals between the ages of five (5) and nineteen (19) in Nevada and surrounding states. Exhibitors must be enrolled in Grange, 4H, Keystone, or FFA and meet all of the standards for those clubs, or they can register as an independent.
2. All exhibitors will be expected to adhere to all rules guiding the SSYLS, including but not limited to the General Rules, Livestock Rules, Auction Rules, National Show Ring Code of Ethics - Code of Practice and individual show and contest rules. Failure to adhere to these rules will result in disqualification from the show and sale and forfeiture of all premium and sale monies.
3. Presentation of an online entry form(s) shall be deemed acceptance of all the Fair Rules, Regulations and Guidelines. All entries must be submitted on http://ssyls.fairwire.com/. All entry fees, where applicable, must be paid online. Exhibitor's birthdate must appear on form.
4. Presentation of an entry form (online) hereby releases the SSYLS, Lyon County Fair Board, Lyon County, and the State of Nevada from all liability of every kind and character on account of loss, damages, or injury to property which I may have on the fairgrounds.
5. **All entries must be done online, SSYLS is not accepting any written entries in the 2026 show year.**
6. An animal may compete in one single class and in all group or special classes in which it is eligible. Individual animals shown in any of the group and herd classes must have been entered and shown in one of the individual classes. **No animal shall enter into an All-Other Breeds class if the animal is already entered in a specified Breed Class.**
7. All animals exhibited must be owned by the exhibitor and exhibited in their name, unless noted in Breed Sanctioned Show Rules.
8. All breeding livestock entry forms must include the animal's Division and Class description, birth date and ID number either in the form of a flock tag number or an individual tattoo number. Entries not including this information will be considered incomplete, void and will not be accepted. Pending registration numbers, and pending sire and dam numbers are acceptable. Sheep and goat entries must include Breeder and Scrapie Tag Number, including flock number and individual animal ID.
9. Breeding livestock substitutions must be made within the same class and division and substitutions must be made at time of check-in.
10. All original registration papers for registered/purebred animals must be presented & cleared, in the Livestock Office, no later than 26 hours prior to the start of the show. Faxed copies from the respective breed associations are accepted, but arrival arrangements are the responsibility of the exhibitor. If all registration papers are not checked, exhibitor will not be allowed to show, and entry fees will not be refunded.
11. The judge or show management can transfer animals, entered in the wrong class, to the correct Division and/or Class. Substitutions may be made within the same division.
12. The Fair Management has the right to limit entries to facilities available and/or cancel any division or class in which there are not enough entries. Any return of entries under this rule will be done on a non-discriminatory basis. The Fair Management may combine entries, if necessary, to make up classes with a minimum of three (3) exhibits. If entries warrant, additional Divisions & Classes may be added.
13. All livestock pens and stalls must be cleaned and on exhibit by 10:00 a.m. and must be kept clean and neat for the public to view until 10:00 p.m. each day during the Fair. Pens and stalls may be "red tagged" for non-compliance of this rule. The first "Red Tag" issued will be a warning to clean the area. A second "Red Tag" will cause forfeiture of any premium money earned and if prior to sale day, the animal may be excluded from the sale. If it is necessary to issue a third "Red Tag", the exhibitor will be stripped of any special awards earned and asked to remove their animal from the grounds. If they have sold an animal in the auction, the sale will be voided.
14. Animals shown in market classes cannot be exhibited in breeding classes, and breeding animals may not be exhibited in market classes. (Third year futurity excluded)
15. Peewees (age 5 as of the first day of the fair to 8 as of January 1st). MUST be pre-entered to show. Must show in breeding class to do showmanship. They may show in any and all breeding classes of all divisions; all ownership requirements must be filled out. Peewees are NOT eligible to show in Market Classes or go to the auction. Ownership requirements include Peewee exhibitors, they may not BORROW an animal to show.
16. No refunds of entry fees will be given for animals that do not show or entered animals who do not attend the show.

17. LIABILITY: All entries are accepted with the understanding that neither the Silver State Youth Livestock Fair & Expo nor the Silver State Youth Livestock Show and Sale Committee shall be held responsible for any loss or damage that might befall any livestock, equipment, or any loss or damage occurring or done to another, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article owned or exhibited by him/her, and will protect and indemnify the Silver State Youth Livestock Fair & Expo and Silver Dollar Youth Livestock Show and Sale Committee against all legal or other proceedings. The show management is not liable for compensation to any exhibitor or their animals, which have been disqualified at the show. The exhibitors shall hold the Silver State Youth Livestock Fair & Expo management harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings thereto. Only on this condition are entries accepted. The Exhibitor accepts full responsibility for any damage, loss, or injury done by the animals exhibited or the exhibitor. Silver State Youth Livestock Fair & Expo, Western Nevada area 4-H and State Vocational Agriculture Department assume no responsibility for loss or injury to exhibits. However, every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of entries. By his/her signature on the entry form, the exhibitor acknowledges and accepts these conditions.
18. Release of back-up animals cannot be done before designated release times and requires signed livestock release forms.
19. If the property owner or others interested in property desire protection against loss, damage, or injury from fire or other cause, they must make their own arrangements. No officer or employee of the Fair has authority to suspend or change this rule.
20. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal. If an exhibitor has more than one animal per class, another currently enrolled 4-H/FFA/Grange/Keystone member must show the other animal in appropriate uniform.
21. **All livestock exhibitors must fit their own animals. Adults or other youth may assist when necessary (due to age or experience of exhibitor), but exhibitor MUST be present and attempting to assist. Professional fitters will not be allowed nor tolerated.**
22. Exhibitors of all leased registered and unregistered breeding show animals shall maintain and have in their possession, at the show, a copy of an appropriate lease agreement. The agreement form should contain the information listed on this form. Appropriate lease agreements must specify that the exhibitor is solely responsible for the care of the animal within the ownership guidelines included in the rules of SSYLS. The agreement should include information indicating that the lease duration fulfilled the ownership/possession requirements of SSYLS.
23. **All animals MUST have access to fresh water at all times!**

## Power may be limited – If you have a generator, you are welcome to bring it.

### EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

1. Exhibitors do not have to be a member of 4-H, FFA, Keystone, or Grange to participate, however, the following age breakdowns, where applicable, should be followed for all youth entries. For consistency at the Fair, the age, (as of January 1, 2026), breakdown in all areas will be:

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| Pee Wee | Age 5 (as of First day of show) through 8 (as of January 1st) |
| Junior | Age 9 and 10 |
| Intermediate | Age 11 through 13 |
| Senior | Age 14 through 19 |

2. NO YOUTH UNDER AGE NINE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026, MAY EXHIBIT OR SELL A MARKET ANIMAL.
3. Exhibits and animals need not qualify for entry at any district or county fair to enter the SSYLS 4-H, FFA, Keystone, and Grange Divisions.
4. While record keeping is encouraged on all exhibits, Record Books will not be collected by SSYLS.
5. Grange, FFA, Keystone, & 4-H Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H, Keystone, FFA or Grange by January 1, 2026.
6. If exhibitors are Grange, Keystone FFA and/or 4-H members, the Club/Chapter name must be listed on the entry form, if no Club/Chapter name is given, the exhibitor will be considered an Independent Youth exhibitor.
7. Youth divisions are open to ALL youth between ages 5 & 19 years old.
8. The entry must be the individual's own project, completed in 2026-2026 calendar year.
9. The youth exhibitor is required to wear the attire as described for their organization and/or in their specific specie section.

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### ANIMAL BEHAVIOR AND MAINTENANCE

1. All animals must be fed, & pens cleaned by 10am each day of the Fair. Animals must be provided adequate water at all times.
2. All bulls over the age 6 months must be shown with a nose lead in all halter classes.
3. Any animal deemed unmanageable will be immediately dismissed from the fairgrounds. Determination of "unmanageable" shall be at the discretion of the Fair Management.
4. Animals must be shown in a manner the judges may require or allow. Exhibitors refusing to do so, will forfeit premiums and be barred from further participation in the Fair.
5. Each exhibit must have a stall card. Stall cards are available from the Livestock Office.

### ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

1. NO early arrivals unless approved by Management.
2. ALL MARKET ANIMALS THAT QUALIFY MUST BE SOLD IN THE SILVER STATE YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION, INCLUDING GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS. IF AND EXHIBITOR HAS A LARGE MARKET ANIMAL AND A SMALL MARKET ANIMAL AND THE SMALL MARKET ANIMAL WINS GRAND OR RESERVE CHAMPION THAT EXHIBITOR WILL SELL THE SMALL ANIMAL IN ADDITION TO THEIR LARGE ANIMAL. SSYLS CONTRACTED TRUCKING WILL TRANSPORT ALL SALE ANIMALS THAT ARE BEING PROCESSED TO LAHONTON MEATS. The Buyer will have the choice of the animal being processed or live released.
3. All exhibitors are required to keep their animals in the livestock area during the Fair. Stock must remain on the fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair.
4. **All exhibits must be held in place until release time unless granted WRITTEN permission by the LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENT**. Anyone found violating this rule would forfeit all premiums.
5. All livestock must be stabled according to space allocated by Livestock Superintendent, or species chairs.
6. Animals will be released from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 16, 2026, after the conclusion of the auction.

### JUDGING

1. All divisions and classes shall be judged under the American or Danish System of judging as specified in each competitive section.
   AMERICAN: The judging process is to rank exhibits against one another and award one first, one-second, etc.
   DANISH: The judging process is to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many blue ribbons, etc. as merited.
2. The management has the right to remove any entry that is ineligible for competition or is not in the best interests of the Fair, endangers the public, or has violated any other SSYLS rules.
3. The judge's decision is final.
   a. Fair Management will not request any changes to the judge's ruling.
   b. No person shall be allowed to interfere with a judge(s) during the decision-making process.
   c. The judge may disqualify any animal that is in his/her opinion hazardous to public safety, & refuse to award premiums to any animal which shows visible evidence of disease, deformity, lameness, or lacks quality of conformation.
4. Judges will immediately report any suspected violation of the NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS to the management. Management will then determine the continual eligibility of entry. Management's decision is final.
5. No exhibitor shall receive more than 2 cash awards per class.

### LYON COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS POLICIES

1. Stalls are designed for livestock only. Use of the stalls for other than housing livestock is at the renter's risk.
2. Pop-Ups are allowed in designated fitting areas only and are on a 1st come system. Closed sided fitting tents are not allowed in fitting areas.
3. Do not drive over the traffic bumpers and curbs, panels, drive or park in restricted areas.
4. Park in designated parking spaces and within the lines. Protruding vehicles will be ticketed and or towed.
5. All animals remaining on the grounds overnight must be in a stall/pen/corral.
6. Horse trailers remaining on the grounds must be cleaned after arrival to prevent odors and flies.
7. Dry Camping is available to Exhibitors for a fee of $15.00 per night. No hookups for water or sewer are available.
8. DO NOT park any vehicle, camper, or recreational vehicle on the grass. Parking is allowed around the edge.
9. DO NOT drive any type of vehicle on the grass areas.

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## ANIMAL HEALTH RULES

**Health Certificates are not required for in-state livestock**

**INSPECTION BY FAIR VETERINARIAN OR "DESIGNATED ANIMAL HEALTH" REPRESENTATIVE**

1. A veterinarian or a ADD ("Designated Animal Health" Representative), hired by the Fair, will inspect all livestock as they arrive on the Fairgrounds. Any animal found to have an infectious, contagious, or parasitic disease or any condition which would affect its' appearance to the public (i.e., prolapse, sore mouth, abscesses, under fed, etc.) must be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds and will be scratched from the Show and Sale.
2. Specie chairpersons will health inspect cavies, poultry and rabbits and all unacceptable animals must immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.
3. Out of state animals must comply with Interstate Health requirements.
4. All sheep and goats must be individually identified by tattoo or ear tag and be compliant with the current Federal Scrapie program and show evidence of compliance.
5. Required Laboratory Testing – must be conducted in Federal/State approved Lab.

**Cattle:**
Native Nevada cattle do not need Brucellosis or Tuberculosis tests.

**Dairy Animals:**
Dairy cattle over 6 months of age and coming from out of state must have a negative Tuberculosis test.

**Sheep and Goats:**
All sheep and goats must be individually identified by tattoo or ear tag and be compliant with the current Federal Scrapie program and show evidence of compliance.

**Swine:**
No test or vaccination requirements.

**Poultry & Birds:**
No test or vaccination requirements.
Evidence of coryza, respiratory distress, enlarged hocks, ruffled feathers, diarrhea, blue comb, nasal discharge, lice, mites or other infectious, contagious, or parasitic disease will disqualify the bird.

**Cavies:**
No test or vaccination requirements.
Evidence of pneumonia, ear mites, diarrhea, parasites, mites, lice, ticks or other infectious, contagious, or parasitic diseases will disqualify the animal.

**Rabbits:**
No test or vaccination requirements.
Evidence of snuffles, mastitis, vent disease, weepy eye, ear mites, diarrhea or other infectious, contagious, or parasitic disease will disqualify the animal. Due to ongoing outbreaks of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV2), NO rabbits within 150 miles of any current outbreak area will be allowed to show at SSYLS.