

## NOTHING =COULD BE= FINER *State Fair* - Oct. 11-21, 2018

April 2018

### Rule Change Regarding Veterinary Inspections of Sheep to go into effect at the 2018 NC State Fair:

Sheep must have been recently shorn prior to arrival at the NC State Fair to accommodate veterinary inspections. Fleece length shall not exceed 1/4 inch at arrival (exemption provided for breeding sheep shown in fleece or with fitted fleece). Animals which are not shorn will not be allowed to stall or enter the check-in line.



### Jr. Beef Heifer Show to add Percentage Simmental Show at 2018 NC State Fair

The Jr. Beef Heifer Department will add a Jr. Percentage Simmental Show. Cattle must be registered with the American Simmental Association with 1/4 Simmental genetics up to 5/8 Simmental genetics along with any other breed composition. Simmental heifers must be a 3/4 blood or more. Please remember an exhibitor is only allowed to show 2 heifers per breed show offered. The All Other Breeds Show is offered only for those registered heifers for which we don't offer a breed show, thus percentage Simmental heifers will now have their own show so they will not be in the AOB show.

### Got to Be NC Livestock Tag Program

<http://www.ncagr.gov/markets/livestock/nctags.htm>

Don't forget to visit the Got to Be NC Livestock Program Webpage for information on how to obtain your tags.





## Showing a steer at the 2018 NC State Fair



All steers must be tagged or verified Got to Be NC tagged at one of the locations below:

### 2018 Market Steer Tag-In Dates & Locations

April 13th - Spring Fling - WNC Ag Center

May 1st - Edgecombe Co Show Arena - Tarboro - 3pm - 8pm

May 2nd - Sampson Co Arena- Clinton - 3pm - 8pm

May 3rd - NCSU Beef Unit- Raleigh - 3pm - 8pm

May 5th - Dixie Classic Fair Grounds- Winston Salem - 9am - 2pm

1) Check out the NC State Fair Livestock Shows webpage to download and print the steer packet. You will need to bring this packet and your steer(s) to the tag-in location.

<http://www.ncagr.gov/markets/livestock/ncstatefair/index.htm>

2) Please nominate your steer at the website below prior to coming to the tag-in location. Completing a nomination form does not enter your animal into the State Fair. Online entry begins August 1. Entries close September 15. The nomination form can be found and completed online here:

<http://apps.ncagr.gov/EventRegistration/Pages/Statefair/Livestock/NominationForm.aspx>



### NC State Fair Livestock Shows Webpage

[www.ncagr.gov/markets/livestock/ncstatefair/index.htm](http://www.ncagr.gov/markets/livestock/ncstatefair/index.htm)

Jr. market lamb and jr. market goat tag-in locations and dates will be released later. They occur in July and August.



### NC State Fair Livestock Facebook Page

Check out the NC State Fair Livestock Facebook page! Liking this page will enable you to stay up to date on market animal check-ins, current requirements, and activities associated with exhibiting livestock at the NC State Fair.



## Premise ID Requirements

Premise ID codes are required by the NCDA Vet Division. Exhibitors will need to enter this number on their NC State Fair entries. The form to apply for a premise ID code is here: <http://www.ncagr.gov/ncfarmid/registrationform.htm> Please don't wait until the last minute to apply for a premise id code. You must have a premise ID code.

## Entries Accepted Starting August 1st



Starting August 1st, exhibitors for the NC State Fair may fill out their entries online at the [www.ncstatefair.org](http://www.ncstatefair.org) website. Paper entry forms will also be taken starting August 1st.

## Animal Housing Requirements

Junior market animal exhibitors need to comply with the following regarding where their project animals are housed. Project animals must be housed near enough to the exhibitor to be cared for regularly by the exhibitor. Market and breeding animals should be housed at the same location. Housing location of project animals entered at the NC State Fair should be the same location as other project animals exhibited by the junior participant throughout the year in county and other local and regional circuit shows. FFA chapter programs and 4-H clubs housing animals at one location can submit one form with names of all participants at that location listed.

If a junior participant desires to house their project animal(s) on a property not owned by their family, then the housing request form should be filled out and submitted by May 1 for steers and July 1 for junior market barrows, lambs, and meat goats. One form can be used for all species housed by the exhibitor at the same location. Show management reserves the right to do random on-farm inspections to ensure compliance.