

2015 Four County 4-H Livestock Show Schedule of Events

Friday, September 25, 2015: Granville County Expo Center
4185 Hwy. US 15
Oxford, NC

8:30am.....Gates Open

9:00am-10:30am.....Registration and Check in

*All animals will be checked at the check-in station for their Scrapie tags or tattoos. All other species will be reviewed for general health and weighed as appropriate.

11:00am.....Goat Showmanship
Breeding Meat Goat Show
Market Goat Show (non-terminal)
Dairy Goat Show

LUNCH BREAK - A list of local restaurants will be provided or families may choose to bring their own. Snack and drink concessions will be available throughout the day.

12:30pm.....Sheep Showmanship
Breeding Ewe Show
Market Lamb Show (non-terminal)
Wool Sheep Show

5 minute break

Beef Showmanship
Beef Heifer Show

15 minute break

Costume Class

After the Costume Class, there will be a short break for breaking down the pens and panels. Awards will commence immediately after the clean-up.

2015 Four County 4-H Livestock Show

The 2015 Four County Livestock Show is Friday, September 25, 2015 at the Granville County Expo Center near Oxford. Everyone is invited to come and watch the show and enjoy the Costume Class.

Join the tradition and Join in the fun!

(You will be amazed at what you learn in the process.)

In cases where questions arise that are not specifically covered by the following rules, decisions of the Show Superintendent and/or Grievance Committee will be final.

ORIENTATION MEETING

In an effort to share consistent information for all families, volunteers, and Extension personnel involved in the 2015 Four County 4-H Livestock Show, we have scheduled an information/orientation meeting in advance of the upcoming deadlines for the event. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Office, Annex Meeting Room.

TIME AND SPACE COMMITMENT

Any animal being shown must be in your care by July 31, 2015. You will need a sturdy pen or fenced in area or pasture to keep your animal. You should begin working with your animal as soon as you get it and continue on a regular basis. Help is available upon request; just give your extension office a call.

ELIGIBILITY

Youth between 5-18 years old on January 1, 2014 will be eligible to participate. Youth must be a 4-H or FFA member in Franklin, Granville, Vance, or Warren Counties. National 4-H Rules defining age categories and competition levels will be followed. (Contact your local 4-H Extension Agent or FFA advisor to enroll.) Youth must also have submitted a completed Entry Packet and Project Record by the appropriate deadlines. (Note: youth that live in other counties may participate if they are a member of 4-H or FFA in their counties and completed a waiver to enter in the four county show).

Seniors - Youth who are 14-18 years of age by Jan.1 of the show year.

Juniors - Youth who are 9-13 years of age by Jan. 1 of the show year.

Cloverbuds - Youth who are age 5-8 years old by Jan.1 of the show year.

No adults or youth who are not registered for the show may lead animals in the ring.

NOMINATIONS

Entries must be nominated and approved by the county 4-H agent, livestock agent, or high school ag teacher in the participating home county. Consignments may come from Franklin, Granville, Vance, and Warren counties. Entry forms must be returned to your local Ag, or 4-H Extension agent or FFA advisor by 5pm July 31, 2015. NO EXCEPTIONS.

All county agents/FFA advisors need to submit the entry forms directly to the Livestock agent in charge of completing the show order/class lists by August 14, 2015. Each exhibitor must have a

parent or guardian sign the entry form acknowledging that he or she understands and will abide by ALL liability requirements and rules of the show.

COST

There will be a \$15 entry fee per child, which allows the youth to show 2 animals. For each animal above 2, there will be an additional charge of \$5 for each additional sheep for a total of \$30 entry fee. Make your checks payable to: "Granville County Cooperative Extension,"

ENTRY PACKET

A complete entry packet must be submitted by the deadline (5:00pm July 31, 2015), NO EXCEPTIONS, in order to show. The entry packet includes:

- entry form
- liability/ownership form
- 4-H enrollment form (if not already on file in your local Extension office)
- Medical form (if not already on file in your local Extension office)
- entry fees

All of these forms can be found on the NC 4-H website or obtained from your county 4-H agent.

By submitting a signed entry form you are stating that you have read and understand **all** of the rules and regulations pertaining to the Four County 4-H Livestock Show. The penalty for falsification of **any** information on the entry form will be disqualification from the Four County 4-H Livestock Show for the following year, as well as other 4-H Livestock events in the area (ex. Vance County Regional Fair) and forfeit of any prizes/incentives.

4-H EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT

Please note- Youth must complete the 4-H Educational Component for their 4-H age as of January 1, 2015, so if a youth turns 11 years old on January 3, they are 10 in 4-H age! Please read all of the following information about the various educational components carefully and contact your 4-H agent with any questions! *Please Note: If educational components are not turned in then youth will not be allowed to exhibit in the show. If projects are turned in late (after the deadline, but prior to the show), you may participate in the show to gain knowledge and experience, but will forfeit all prize winnings.

Educational Poster- **REQUIRED** for all participants ages 5-8 (cloverbud)

- ❖ Theme for 2015: *Homegrown in NC*
 - The poster theme for this year is a great opportunity for our Cloverbud youth to learn about the types of livestock and crops that are grown right here in NC. For help with ideas or suggestions of where to find information, contact your county 4-H agent.
- ❖ The poster should be on a poster board or other study paper no smaller than 11 x 14-inches and no larger than a standard 22 x 28-inch poster board. Printing and art should be in marker, poster paints, crayons, or some other material that is bright and easy to read (not pencil).
- ❖ A 4-H clover symbol must be somewhere on the poster.
- ❖ The poster will be the original work of the participant. The poster must be drawn/painted/sketched by the participant only.
- ❖ Due to your county Extension office by 5:00pm on September 18, 2015.

Project Record Books - REQUIRED for all participants ages 9-18

4-H project records are intended to provide participants with documentation of their progress toward a successful conclusion on show day. It is highly encouraged that participants and their parents take the time to photograph and keep a diary of the activities and events as they occur. All of this effort is geared toward providing the youths with a meaningful, enriching experience to help them grow as individuals and gain confidence among their peers. Record book preparation will not only help the youths develop excellent record keeping skills, but will serve as an interesting record of the youth's experiences. 4-H project record books are required and must be complete for each animal species for each animal species project for youth ages 9 and up.

- ❖ No youth ages 9-18 will be permitted to show without turning in a completed project record book.
- ❖ A separate 4-H project record book is required for each animal species that a youth plans to show. For example, if a youth plans to show cattle and sheep, they must turn in one record for sheep and one for cattle. However, in the case of two entries in a category, only one project record covering *both* projects is required. (ex: 2 goats)
- ❖ 4-H project record book templates can be found online at <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fourh/youth/awards.html> or copies obtained from your 4-H agent.
- ❖ Please follow the guidelines and instructions in the 4-H project record templates carefully and ensure that you place sections/items in the correct order and pay attention to page limits.
- ❖ Project records will be judged and awards given in each age division (9-10, 11-12, 13-15 and 16-18) on the day of the show.
- ❖ Completed project records must be turned in to your local Extension office by the deadline of 5:00pm September 18, 2015.

DRESS

All participants must be neatly and appropriately dressed. Closed toes shoes (no plastic boots or sneakers) are required. (*Example: white button down shirt with 4-H or FFA insignia, nice jeans, boots.*) If you have any questions about appropriate attire, please contact your county 4-H agent.

ENTRIES

Exhibitors may show up to 2 animals in each division. However, if an exhibitor has more than 1 entry per class the additional animal must be shown by a registered junior or senior exhibitor (no Cloverbuds) and approved by a show official.

TRAINING

All animals must be halter broken or otherwise trained as appropriate for the species. E.g. Hogs should be accustomed to sorting panels, canes, etc. Unruly animals may endanger the safety of other exhibitors and may be asked to leave the ring. The Show committee has the final decision on eligibility of any animal order to protect the safety of the other exhibitors.

FITTING & GROOMING

Major fitting and cleaning should be done prior to arrival at the show. Minor grooming should be prior to the class.

SHOWMANSHIP

The showmanship contest for each species is divided into Cloverbuds (ages 5-8) , Junior (ages 9-13), and Senior (ages 14-18) divisions. Cloverbud show is a non-competitive division for exhibition only, in accordance with the National 4-H guidelines. For Showmanship, exhibitors are limited to one entry per species class. (Ex. 1 heifer, 1 goat, 1 sheep) Breeding animals and market animals will be shown together for the showmanship. All youth exhibitors must participate in the showmanship class for each species they enter.

Showmanship entries are judged on:

1. Condition and cleanliness of the animal
2. Neatness of the individual participant
3. Ability to handle the animal
4. Courtesy toward other exhibitors
5. Attentiveness toward the Judge
6. Displaying the animal in its most structurally correct
7. Knowledge of animal

For showmanship ONLY, animals will be allowed to be "shared" as a team project among youth. However, "sharing" must be between the three age categories of the 4-Hers(ex: a Cloverbud can share with a Junior or a Senior, but not with another Cloverbud.)

PREMIUMS: Premiums for this year's show will be as follows*:

Animal premiums-Goats, Sheep, and Hogs

- *Grand Champion- gift, ribbon
- *Reserve Champion- gift, ribbon
- 1st place - \$20, ribbon
- 2nd place - \$15, ribbon
- 3rd place - \$10, ribbon
- 4th place - \$5, ribbon

Showmanship Premiums

- Junior & Senior Classes:
- 1st place - \$30, ribbon
 - 2nd place - \$25, ribbon
 - 3rd place - \$20, ribbon
 - 4th place - \$15, ribbon

Cloverbud - 1st place ribbon & trophy

Animal Premiums- Cattle

- * Grand Champion - gift, ribbon
- *Reserve Champion - gift, ribbon
- 1st place - \$25, ribbon
- 2nd place - \$20, ribbon
- 3rd place - \$15, ribbon
- 4th place - \$10, ribbon

Project Record Books and Awards

- Cloverbuds - Ribbon & gift
- Each age division (9-10, 11-12, 13-15, & 16-18)
- 1st place - \$20, ribbon
 - 2nd place - \$15, ribbon
 - 3rd place - \$10, ribbon

Other categories: Costume Class: Ribbon

Go-Getter Award : \$25 (1 from each county)

*If there is only one class in any division, placing will be Grand, Reserve, 3rd, 4th, with 1st-4th prize monies awarded in that order.

THANK YOU LETTERS

"Thank you" letters must be written to all sponsors, judges, and others, before the exhibitors receive any prize money. A copy of each "thank you" letter should be delivered unsealed to your local extension office between the dates of October 12th-16th, 2015. You will be given a list of major sponsors, judges, etc. with addresses the day of the show.

JUDGES DECISIONS

All decisions by the judge are final. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show or , breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after, the livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after

the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, show, and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Potential disqualification from future events after review from the grievance committee is possible.

GO-GETTER AWARD

The Go-Getter award (\$25 per county) is given to one show participant from each county: Franklin, Granville, Vance, and Warren. This award is designed to recognize youth who have a consistently positive attitude and strive to go above beyond their peers during the course of preparing for and participating in the show.

CONCESSIONS

Concessions will be available for purchase during that show. All proceeds from the concession stand will go to the 4-H club that will be hosting the stand the day of the show.

COSTUME CLASS

This is the opportunity for the youth to “dress up” their animal and themselves in a “theme” and have fun in the ring. It is a non-competitive event and open to all ages and species. Animals must be docile and able to be handled with clothing, etc. on them. Examples of costumes: Little red riding hood, pizza delivery person, etc.

AWARDS CEREMONY

An awards ceremony will be held after clean up and break down have been completed. Youth will receive 4-H project record awards and other awards earned in the show.

MEDICAL CONCERNS

All animals should be in good health and current vaccinations. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the on-site veterinary professionals. Animals with obvious abscesses or any other health problems will not be allowed in the show. Sheep and goats will be “mouthed” at check-in by North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services personnel and their decisions about animals being able to participate based on health concerns will be final.

Foot and Mouth Regulations- If you have traveled in the last 14 days or had visitors from FMD countries, please do not attend the event.

CLEAN-UP

All participants are responsible for clean-up immediately before the awards.

LIABILITIES

Each exhibitor assumes all liability in case of sickness, death, or injury to his or her animals. Exhibitors are responsible for the feeding, watering and care of their animals during the show. The exhibitor is responsible until the animal is returned and properly tied in the show barn. The management, exhibitors and owners assume no liability for injury from any cause to individuals or property. There is no policy for compensation for loss of any animals of the farm. The facility owners and the Cooperative Extension Office in each county shall not be liable for any damages, deaths, injury, or loss of property incurred by or to any exhibitor. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for any damages, death, injury, or loss of property caused by the exhibitor or their animal.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

In cases where questions arise that are not specifically covered by the established rules, decisions of the show superintendent and/or Grievance Committee will be final. A grievance policy does exist; grievances must be presented in writing to the committee members, with one member represented per county.

DEADLINES

Entry Packet due..... July 31, 2015 - due in your local Extension office by 5pm -NO EXCEPTIONS

Animals need to be in your care by: July 31, 2015

4-H Project Record books/posters- September 18, 2015 - Due in your local Extension office by 5pm.

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Show Date.....September 25, 2015 at Granville County Expo Center near Oxford, NC

Thank you letters..... October 12-16 - due in your local Extension office. Premium money, if any, will be distributed to exhibitors only after they are received.

Number of Entries: Any show division (e.g. Beef Heifers & Dairy Goats) that does not have a minimum of 4 entries will be canceled and entry fees will be returned.

Rules and Regulations for the Beef Heifer Show

1. Heifers (females) of any beef breed may be shown.
2. Participants may show a maximum of 2 beef heifers.
3. Ownership is not required, but must have owner's signature of verification.
4. Exhibitors must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2015 to be competitive.
5. Any youth age 5-8 as of 5-8 as of January 1, 2015 will be allowed to show in a competitive class.
6. Heifers must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly may endanger the safety of exhibitors and may be asked to leave the ring.
7. Heifers eligible for the show must be born no earlier than March 1, 2014 but not yet calved.
8. Individual show classes for heifers will be determined by the number of animals and their birth date.

Rules and Regulations for the Dairy Goats

1. Does (females) of any dairy breed may be shown.
2. Participants may show a maximum of 2 dairy goats.
3. Ownership is not required, but must have owner's signature of verification.
4. Exhibitors must be 9 years old as January 1, 2015 to be competitive.
5. Any youth age 5-8 as of January 1, 2015 will be allowed to show in a non-competitive class.
6. Goats must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly may endanger the safety of exhibitors and may be asked to leave the ring.
7. Dairy goats may be any age.
8. Individual show classes may be divided into smaller classes depending on the number of entries.

Rules and Regulations for the Meat Goat Breeding Doe Show

1. Does (females) of any meat breed may be shown.
2. Participants may show a maximum of 2 meat does.
3. Ownership is not required, but must have owner's signature of verification.
4. Exhibitors must be 9 years old as January 1, 2015 to be competitive.
5. Any youth age 5-8 as of January 1, 2015 will be allowed to show in a non-competitive class.
6. Goats must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly may endanger the safety of exhibitors and may be asked to leave the ring.
7. Breeding Doe Classes are:
 - a) Class I - yearling doe/nanny –born April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014
 - b) Class II - senior kid - born April 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014
 - c) Class III - junior doe kid - born after December 31, 2014.
8. Individual show classes may be divided into smaller classes depending on the number of entries in each division

Rules and Regulations for the Commercial Breeding Ewe Show

1. Ewes (females) of any meat breed may be shown.
2. Participants may show a maximum of 2 breeding ewes.
3. Ownership is not required, but must have owner's signature of verification.
4. Exhibitors must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2015 to be competitive.
5. Any youth age 5 – 8 as of January 1, 2015 will be allowed to show in a non-competitive class.
6. Sheep must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly may endanger the safety of exhibitors and may be asked to leave the ring.
7. Breeding Ewe Classes are:
 - a) Class I – Senior Ewe – Born April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014
 - b) Class II – Yearling Ewe – Born April 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
 - c) Class III – Junior Ewe Lamb-Born after December 31, 2014
8. Individual show classes may be divided into smaller classes depending on the number of entries in each division.

Rules and Regulations for the Wool Sheep Show

1. Ewes (females) of any wool breed may be shown.
2. Participants may show a maximum of 2 wool sheep.
3. Ownership is not required, but must have owner's signature of verification.
4. Exhibitors must be 9 years old as January 1, 2015 to be competitive.
5. Any youth age 5-8 as of January 1, 2015 will be allowed to show in a non-competitive class.
6. Sheep must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly may endanger the safety of exhibitors and may be asked to leave the ring.
7. Wool sheep may be any age.
8. Individual show classes may be divided into smaller classes depending on the number of entries.

Rules and Regulation for the Market Goat Show

1. Wethers (castrated male) or does of any meat breed may be shown.
2. Participants may show a maximum of 2 market meat goats.
3. Ownership is not required, but must have owner's signature of verification.
4. Exhibitors must be 9 years old as January 1, 2015 to be competitive.

5. Any youth age 5-8 as of January 1, 2015 will be allowed to show in a non-competitive class.
6. Goats must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly may endanger the safety of exhibitors and may be asked to leave the ring.
7. No market goats over 1 year of age may be shown in the market goat classes.
8. Goats must have all baby teeth and weigh a minimum of 50lbs. to show.
9. Individual show classes for Market meat goats will be determined the day of the show according to the number of animals and their weights, with a maximum of 10 animals per class.
10. All horn tips must be dulled and/or blunt.

*Does or Ewes may be shown either in market or breed shows but not both.

Rules and Regulations for the Market Lamb Show

1. Wethers (castrated male) or ewes of any meat breed may be shown.
2. Participants may show a maximum of 2 market meat sheep.
3. Ownership is required.
4. Exhibitors must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2015 to be competitive.
5. Any youth age 5 – 8 as of January 1, 2015 will be allowed to show in a non-competitive class.
6. Sheep must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly may endanger the safety of exhibitors and may be asked to leave the ring.
7. No market lamb over 1 year of age may be shown in Market Lamb Classes.
8. Lambs must have all baby teeth and weigh a minimum of 70 lbs. to show
9. Individual show classes for Market Lambs will be determined the day of the show according to the number of animals and their weights, with a maximum of 10 animals per class.

*Does or Ewes may be shown either in market or breed shows but not both.

Rules and Regulations for the Costume Class

1. Have fun! Costume themes should be in good taste and in alignment with 4-H values.
2. Dress up yourself and your animal in a costume; all species can participate in one class.
3. Animals must be very gentle and able to be handled by the exhibitor once decorated.
4. Youth must present a brief written script on each entry describing the theme of the costume for the both the youth and animal when entering the ring (for the announcer to read).

Please contact your local County Cooperative Extension Office with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding any of the Rules and Regulations for the Four County 4-H Livestock Show.

Franklin County: Meg Wyatt, 4-H Agent & Martha Mobley, Livestock Agent (919)496-3344

Granville County: Paul Westfall, Livestock/County Director & Taylor Jones, 4-H Agent (919)603-1350

Vance County: Turner Pride, 4-H Agent (252)438-8188

Warren County: Crystal Smith, County Director and 4-H Agent,
Kelsey Lichtenwalner, Livestock Agent (252) 257-3640