



2025 INDEPENDENT JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION PACKET

To enter as an Independent Exhibitor, keep in mind entering your project is a two-step process:

Step One – Complete the 2025 Independent Junior Livestock Exhibitor Registration Packet and turn it into the Fair Office by the following dates:

Market Beef &		
Dairy Heifer Replacements	(120 days prior to fair)	February 4, 2025
Market Goats, Swine, and Sheep	(60 days prior to fair)	April 5, 2025
Market Rabbits & All Breeding Species	(30 days prior to fair)	May 5, 2025

Check List for Registering as an Independent Junior Livestock Exhibitor

Item

- () Signed Junior Livestock Exhibitor Affidavit
- () Signed CFSA Evidence of Coverage and Acknowledgement Form by parent
- () Insurance Payment \$45 (unlimited entries, fee is per family)
- () Copy of Birth Certificate or Drivers License
- () Picture of Animal
- () Proof of Ownership (Bill of Sale)

Step Two – Enter your Livestock Exhibit online at www.mercedcountyfair.com by the entry closing deadline; enter class, enter showmanship class, upload your YQCA training certificate and your signed Code of Conduct, and pay your entry fee. After entering online, you will receive a confirmation e-mail and a receipt. Please refer to the Merced County Fair Exhibitor’s Handbook for class, division, and local rules.

IMPORTANT *Enter your Livestock entry online by May 1, 2025*

For Office Use Only:	Date Received: _____
() Picture(s)	
() Proof of Ownership (Bill of Sale or Receipt)	
() Copy of Birth Certificate or Drivers license	
() Insurance Payment – Amount _____ Date _____ Receipt # _____	



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Name of Exhibitor _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

PROJECT INFORMATION & PROOF OF OWNERSHIP

Name of Animal _____

Species of Animal _____

Breed of Animal _____

Date Animal Purchased _____

Birth Date of Animal _____ Sex of Animal _____

Breeder _____

Where Animal was Purchased (if different from breeder) _____

Cost of Animal _____ Weight of Animal at Purchase _____
(Please attach a copy of your bill of sale or receipt for the purchase of your animal.)

Animal Identification (ear notch, permanent tag number, tattoo number) _____
(Please attach a photo of your animal.)

Complete this form and provide the following:

**A copy of a birth certificate or Driver's License
Picture of animal**

**Proof of ownership
Purchase insurance**

Exhibitor Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Name of Exhibitor _____

All rules contained in “State Rules for California Fairs” as established by the Fairs and Expositions Branch, CDFA apply to the Merced County Fair, 35th District Agricultural Association. State Rules are on the Fairs and Expositions Branch, CDFA website at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov>

This is just an excerpt of State Rules that apply to junior livestock exhibitors:

Exhibit Eligibility, 7 on page 14, 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

Exhibit Eligibility, 8 on page 14, All junior exhibitors must have “on ground” supervision by a responsible adult.

Livestock and Horse Exhibit, Ownership, 1, Page 15 Animal and horse projects must be owned (and leased horses as specified in this document) solely by and under the exhibitor’s care and management and under the supervision of the organization in which the project will be shown as specified below. The official ownership date is the date shown on the receipt of sale unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor. The days are counted prior to the opening day of the fair unless the event in the case of horse shows is held separately from the Fair. Ownership must be maintained through show date(s) of fair or event.

The undersigned declares that his/her livestock entry(ies) has been under his/her ownership, care and management for the appropriate amount of time according to State Rules (120 days prior to fair for market beef and dairy heifer replacement; 60 days prior to fair for market sheep, market swine and market goats; 30 days prior to fair for all breeding species, rabbit, cavy and poultry entries.

If an independent exhibitor, the undersigned declares that he/she has not been a member of a junior division organization for this project/specie within 60 days (120 days for market beef and dairy heifer replacement) prior to the fair.

The undersigned declares that he/she has read and understands all Local rules (printed in the Merced County Fair Exhibitor’s Handbook) and State Rules about his/her junior livestock project.

Signed: _____ (Exhibitor)

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)