



2027 Rule Changes & Updates

The following updates and amendments have been made to the rules for our 2027 Show and Sale. Changes are highlighted in yellow.

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and family to read and know all rules pertaining to the Show and Sale, especially their species specific rules!

Under Policies:

#9 – *The Market Animal Show weigh-in on April 28th will be from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. for hogs, lambs, goats, and market beef.*

Under General Rules:

#17 - *Animals not meeting the weight and/or grade requirements will be eligible to show in an underweight or overweight class for their species, as well as showmanship. These animals will not be eligible for the sale or market class premiums. These animals must be off the grounds by the close of barns on Friday evening.*

Under Sale:

#5 - *Lamb, goat, hog, and cattle exhibitors will be allowed to take one animal per species home and not go through the sale, but they must adhere to the following guidelines:*

- *Exhibitors must specify at check-in at the show that they are taking the animal home.*
- *Once an exhibitor specifies that they are taking the animal home, it may not be changed.*
- *To take an animal home, they must sell one from the species that they are taking home.*
- *All top 5 champions including bred and owned must sell.*
- *All animals not going through the sale must be off the grounds by the close of barns on Friday evening.*

Under Awards and Record Books:

Record Book and Award Due Dates – Friday, May 21st, 2027, at 5 p.m.



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Reminder for Nomination Process:

We are no longer offering paper nomination cards. Instead, all nominations must be completed online through the Fair Entry system prior to tag-in day: <https://fairentree.com/Fair/SignIn/24576>

Nomination Dates:

Market Beef

- Online nomination system will be open October 14th – November 4th, 2026
- Tag-In Day will be November 7th, 2026, 9 am - 11 am at Augusta Expo

Market Hogs, Lambs, and Goats

- Online nomination system will be open February 10th – March 3rd, 2027
- Tag-In Day will be March 6th, 2027, 8 am - 11 am at Augusta Expo

Please see the [Fair Entry Registration Guidelines](#) for more information. With any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Emmalee at eaedwards@vt.edu or Morgan at mcole432@vt.edu.