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ENTRY SCHEDULE FOR SENIOR DEPARTMENT (Adults 18 & over)

ENTRY FORMS

Due By 5:00 pm	RECEIVING	JUDGING	RELEASE
Agriculture Horticulture: Divisions 21-50			
Thurs. June 25	Wed. August 5 7 am- 10 am	Wed. August 5 12 noon	No Release of produce
Fine Arts & Crafts: Divisions 401-425			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Mon. July 27 9 am	Mon. Aug. 10 12pm - 7pm
Photography: Divisions 450-460			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Sun. July 26 9am	Mon. Aug. 10 12pm-7pm
Scarecrow: Division 20			
Thurs. June 18	Thurs. July 30 4pm-9pm	Fri. July 31 8am	Mon. Aug. 10 12pm-7pm

FLORICULTURE 1st Period

Feature Displays: Division 306			
Thurs. June 25	Wed. July 29 3 pm- 7 pm	Fri. July 31 12 noon	Mon. Aug. 10 11am-5:30pm
Floral Project: Division 385			
Thurs. June 25	Wed. July 29 3pm-7pm	Fri. July 31 12 noon	Mon. Aug. 10 11am-5:30pm
Flowers/Artistic: Divisions 317-334			
Thurs. June 25	Fri. July 31 7 am- 9:30 am	Fri. July 31 12 noon	Sun. Aug. 2 7 - 9:30 am
Gardens: Divisions 301-304			
Thurs. June 25	<i>refer to handbook pages G1-G3</i>	Thurs. July 30 12 noon	Mon. Aug. 10 8am - 1pm
Orchids: Division 316			
Thurs. June 25	Wed. July 29 3pm- 7pm	Fri. July 31 12 noon	Wed. Aug. 5 7am-9:30am
Planter Box/Barrels: Division 307			
Thurs. June 25	Wed. July 29 3pm- 7pm	Fri. July 31 12 noon	Mon. Aug. 10 11am-5:30pm
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Thurs. June 25	Wed. July 29 3pm-7pm	Fri. July 31 12 noon	<i>Refer to pages G11-G12</i>

FLORICULTURE 2nd Period

Flowers/Artistic: Divisions 335-347			
Thurs. June 25	Sun. Aug. 2 7am-9:30am	Sun. Aug. 2 10:30am	Wed. Aug. 5 7am - 9:30am

FLORICULTURE 3rd Period

Flowers/Artistic: Divisions 355-366			
Thurs. June 25	Wed. Aug. 5 7am-9:30am	Wed. Aug. 5 12 noon	Fri. Aug. 7 7am - 9:30 am
Plants: Divisions 352-354			
Thurs. June 25	Wed. Aug. 5 7am-9:30am	Wed. Aug. 5 12 noon	Mon. Aug. 10 11am-5:30pm

FLORICULTURE 4th Period

Flowers/Artistic: Divisions 368-381			
Thurs. June 25	Fri. Aug. 7 7am-9:30am	Fri. Aug. 7 12 noon	Mon. Aug. 10 11am-5:30pm

HOME ARTS

Baked Foods Per. 1: Divisions 80-85			
Thurs. June 18	Thurs. July 30 7am-11am	Thurs. July 30 1pm	Thurs. Aug. 6 7 am - 11 am
Baked Foods Per. 2: Divisions 87-102			
Thurs. June 18	Thurs. Aug. 6 7am-11 am	Thurs. Aug. 6 1pm	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm - 7 pm
Christmas Trees: Division 122			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Mon. July 27 10am	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm - 7 pm
Clothing & Textiles: Divisions 125-161			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Mon. July 27 10am	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm - 7 pm
Decorated Cakes: Divisions 74-75			
Thurs. June 18	Thurs. July 30 7am-11am	Thurs. July 30 1pm	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm - 7 pm
Preserved Foods: Divisions 63-72			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Mon. July 27 10am	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm - 7 pm
Tablesetting Per. 1: Division 110			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 31 11am-1pm	Fri. July 31 1:30pm	Wed. Aug. 5 10 am - 11am
Tablesetting Per. 2: Division 110			
Thurs. June 18	Wed. Aug. 5 11am-1pm	Wed. Aug. 5 1:30pm	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm - 7 pm
Wine & Beer: Divisions 170-172			
Thurs. June 25	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Mon. July 27 10am	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm - 7 pm

ENTRY SCHEDULE FOR SPECIAL CONTESTS – Open to Jr./Sr./4-H/FFA

ENTRY FORMS - SUBMIT TO

EXHIBITS OFFICE IN BLDG. E-2	RECEIVING	JUDGING	RELEASE
Jr. Home Arts Special Contests: Divisions 3005-3015			
Tuesday, June 2, beginning at 9am	refer to handbook page B1	refer to handbook page B1	Refer to page B1
Sr. Home Arts Special Contests: Divisions 3100-3145			
Tuesday, June 2, beginning at 9am	refer to handbook page B1-B2	refer to handbook page B1-B2	Refer to page B1-B2
Jr. & Sr. Arts & Crafts Special Contests: Divisions 3190-3215			
Tuesday, June 2, beginning at 9am	refer to handbook page B3-B4	refer to handbook page B3-B4	Refer to page B3-B4
Jr. & Sr. Floral Special Contest: Division 3250			
refer to handbook page B4	refer to handbook page B4	refer to handbook page B4	Refer to page B4
Jr. & Sr. Photography Special Contests: Divisions 3299-3315			
Tuesday, June 2, beginning at 9am	refer to handbook page B4-B5	refer to handbook page B4-B5	Refer to page B4-B5

ENTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNIOR DEPARTMENT (Youth under 18)

ENTRY FORMS

Due By 5:00 pm	RECEIVING	JUDGING	RELEASE
Agriculture Horticulture: Divisions 1220-1228			
Thurs. June 25	Wed. Aug. 5 7 am- 10 am	Wed. Aug. 5 12 noon	No release of produce
Fine Arts & Crafts: Divisions 1250-1288			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Mon. July 27 9 am	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm - 7pm
Horse: Divisions 220-235			
Thurs. June 25	refer to handbook pages F1-F10	refer to handbook pages F1-F10	refer to pages F1-F10
Industrial Arts: Divisions 1290-1292			
Thurs. June 18	Sun. July 26 8am-1pm	Tues. July 28 9am	Mon. Aug. 10 8 am – 1 pm
Photography: Divisions 1312-1315			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Sun. July 26 9am	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm – 7 pm
Rabbits Youth Mini Show & Dress Up Contest: Divisions 575-576			
Thurs. June 18	refer to handbook pages L1-L2	refer to handbook pages L1-L2	refer to pages L1-L2
Scarecrow: Divisions 1201-1206			
Thurs. June 18	Thurs. July 30 4pm-9pm	Fri. July 31 8am	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm – 7 pm

FLORICULTURE

First Period: Divisions 1516-1543			
Thurs. June 25	Fri. July 31 7 am- 9:30 am	Fri. July 31 12 noon	Sun. Aug. 2 7am -9:30am
Second Period: Divisions 1544-1571			
Thurs. June 25	Sun. Aug. 2 7am-9:30am	Sun. Aug. 2 10:30am	Wed. Aug. 5 7am - 9:30am
Third Period: Divisions 1577-1603			
Thurs. June 25	Wed. Aug. 5 7am-9:30am	Wed. Aug. 5 12 noon	Fri. Aug. 7 7am - 9:30am
Fourth Period: Divisions 1605-1632			
Thurs. June 25	Fri. Aug. 7 7am-9:30am	Fri. Aug. 7 12 noon	Mon. Aug. 10 11am-5:30pm
Gardens/Berms: Divisions 1500-1507			
Thurs. June 25	refer to handbook pages G1-G3	Thurs. July 30 12 noon	Mon. Aug. 10 8am-1pm
Planter Boxes/Plants: Divisions 1508-1515			
Thurs. June 25	Wed. July 29 3pm-7pm	Fri. July 31 12 noon	Mon. Aug. 10 11am-5:30pm

HOME ARTS

Baked Foods Per. 1: Divisions 1361-1365			
Thurs. June 18	Thurs. July 30 7am-11am	Thurs. July 30 1pm	Thurs. Aug. 6 7 am – 11 am
Baked Foods Per. 2: Divisions 1366-1397			
Thurs. June 18	Thurs. Aug. 6 7am-11 am	Thurs. Aug. 6 1pm	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm – 7 pm
Clothing & Textiles: Divisions 1411-1421			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Mon. July 27 10am	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm – 7 pm
Decorated Cakes/Cookies: Divisions 1349-1353			
Thurs. June 18	Thurs. July 30 7am-11am	Thurs. July 30 1pm	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm – 7 pm
Preserved Foods: Divisions 1359-1360			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Mon. July 27 10am	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm – 7 pm
Tablesetting Per. 1: Divisions 1400-1403			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 31 11am-1pm	Fri. July 31 1:30pm	Wed.. Aug. 5 10 am – 11am
Tablesetting Per. 2: Divisions 1400-1403			
Thurs. June 18	Wed. Aug. 5 11am-1pm	Wed. Aug. 5 1:30pm	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm – 7 pm

ENTRY SCHEDULE FOR 4-H & FFA DEPARTMENTS

ENTRY FORMS

Due By 5:00 pm	RECEIVING	JUDGING	RELEASE
Ag. Horticulture: Divisions 900-911/1000-1011			
Thurs. June 18	Thurs. July 30 4pm – 9pm	Fri. July 31 8am	Wed. Aug. 5 7 am-10 am
Cavies, Dog Obedience & Small Animal Master Showmanship: Divisions 790-796			
Thurs. June 18	<i>refer to handbook pages L10-L12</i>	<i>refer to handbook pages L10-L12</i>	<i>refer to pages L10-L12</i>
Gardens: Divisions 301-304			
Thurs. June 25	<i>refer to handbook pages G1-G3</i>	Thurs. July 30 12 noon	Mon. Aug. 10 8am-1pm
Horse: Divisions 210-219			
Thurs. June 4	<i>refer to handbook pages F1-F10</i>	<i>refer handbook pages F1-F10</i>	<i>refer to pages F1-F10</i>
Jr. Livestock: Divisions 800-857			
Thurs. June 4	<i>refer to handbook pages M1-M27</i>	<i>refer to handbook pages M1-M27</i>	<i>refer to pages M1-M27</i>
Poultry: Divisions 750-765			
Thurs. June 4	<i>refer to handbook pages L6-L9</i>	<i>refer to handbook pages L6-L9</i>	<i>refer to pages L6-L9</i>
Rabbits: Divisions 501-556 & 601-681			
Thurs. June 18	<i>refer to handbook pages L1-L5</i>	<i>refer to handbook pages L1-L5</i>	<i>refer to pages L1-L5</i>

ENTRY SCHEDULE FOR FFA DEPARTMENT

ENTRY FORMS

Due By 5:00 pm	RECEIVING	JUDGING	RELEASE
FFA Ag Mechanics: Divisions 930-955			
Thurs. June 18	Sun. July 26 8 am – 1 pm	Tues. July 28 9 am	Mon. Aug. 10 8 am - 1 pm
<u>ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE</u>			
FFA: Divisions 915-919			
Thurs. June 18	Wed. July 29 8am-3pm	Thurs. July 30 9am	Mon. Aug. 10 8 am – 1 pm
FFA: Divisions 921-922 - 1st Pd.			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 31 7am-9:30am	Fri. July 31 12 noon	<i>refer to page G20</i>
FFA: Divisions 923-924 - 3rd Pd.			
Thurs. June 18	Wed. Aug. 5 7am-9:30am	Wed. Aug. 5 12 noon	<i>refer to page G20</i>

ENTRY SCHEDULE FOR 4-H DEPARTMENT

ENTRY FORMS

Due By 5:00 pm	RECEIVING	JUDGING	RELEASE
<u>ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE</u>			
4-H: Divisions 1013-1016			
Thurs. June 18	Wed. July 29 8am-3pm	Thurs. July 30 9am	Mon. Aug. 10 8 am – 1 pm
4-H: Division 1017-1019 - 1st Pd.			
Thurs. June 18	Fri. July 31 7am-9:30am	Fri. July 31 12 noon	<i>refer to page G21</i>
4-H: Division 1020-1022 - 3rd Pd.			
Thurs. June 18	Wed. Aug. 5 7am-9:30am	Wed. Aug. 5 12 noon	<i>refer to page G21</i>
4-H Other: Divisions 1030-1067			
Thurs. June 4	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Tues. July 28 9am	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm – 7 pm
4-H Foods: Divisions 1082-1087			
Thurs. June 4	Thurs. July 30 7am-11am	Thurs. July 30 1pm	No release
4-H Clothing/Home Furnishings: Divisions 1070-1077			
Thurs. June 4	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Tues. July 28 9am	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm – 7 pm
4-H Preserved Foods: Divisions 1090-1092			
Thurs. June 4	Fri. July 24 4-7pm/Sat. July 25 9am-1pm	Mon. July 27 2pm	Mon. Aug. 10 12 pm – 7 pm

ENTRY SCHEDULE FOR OPEN LIVESTOCK, OPEN HORSE & OPEN POULTRY

ENTRY FORMS

Due By 5:00 pm	RECEIVING	JUDGING	RELEASE
Open Livestock: Divisions 1-15			
Thurs. June 18	<i>refer to handbook pages C1-C4</i>	<i>refer to handbook pages C1-C4</i>	<i>refer to pages C1-C4</i>
Open Horse & Mule: Divisions 199-206 & 220-245			
Thurs. June 25	<i>refer to handbook pages F1-F10</i>	<i>refer to handbook pages F1-F10</i>	<i>refer to pages F1-F10</i>
Open Poultry: Divisions 770-788			
Thurs. June 18	<i>refer to handbook page L8-L9</i>	<i>refer to handbook page L8-L9</i>	<i>refer to page L8-L9</i>

GENERAL INFORMATION & RULES

Local Divisions unless otherwise stated.

You too can become a part of the 98th annual Stanislaus County Fair! Just follow these simple steps:

- A. Visit the fair's website www.stancofair.com to enter your exhibits online, or download your entry form.
- B. Look through the handbook for classes offered.
- C. Type or print your items on the entry form. One form per department, per exhibitor, per period for Home Arts and Floriculture. All information on entry forms must be printed, except signatures.
- D. Return entry forms to the fair office or by mail to 900 N. Broadway, Turlock, CA 95380 on OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE. Refer to department rules for exact due dates.
- E. Bring your item(s) to the fairground building in which it will be displayed on the specified "receive" date and time.
- F. Questions? The fairgrounds office, located on the corner of North Broadway and Canal Drive, Turlock, California, is open throughout the year. Address all communications in person to the fair office located at 900 North Broadway, Turlock, CA 95380, or telephone:
Main Office.....668-1333
Maintenance.....668-1339
Livestock.....632-2557 – Available after June 1st
Horse.....632-2767 – Available after June 1st
Floriculture.....632-5025 – Available after July 8th

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

ADULT/SENIOR EXHIBITORS: Exhibitors 18 years of age and older unless otherwise stated.

JUNIOR EXHIBITORS: Exhibitors currently enrolled in grades kindergarten thru grade 12, unless otherwise stated.

TINY TOT EXHIBITORS: Exhibitors who are of pre-kindergarten age unless otherwise stated.

4-H EXHIBITORS: A 4-H member must enroll prior to January 1, 2009, currently be in fourth grade (or above) as of January 1, 2009 and be 9 years old, or older, by January 1, 2009 to be eligible to show and can exhibit as a member through December 31st of the year in which the member turns 19 years of age. Exhibitors must also be enrolled in a specific 4-H project class in the area in which they are entering.

FFA EXHIBITORS: FFA members who are enrolled in High School Vocational Agriculture classes. FFA members may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school.

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR EXHIBITORS: Exhibitors must be at least 9 years old or in the 4th grade by January 1, 2009. Exhibitors are eligible to compete through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years old (additional requirements on page A-12).

Except as otherwise stated:

- A. Extended Divisions are open to residents of Stanislaus, Merced, Calaveras, Tuolumne and San Joaquin counties in the State of California.
- B. Local Divisions are open only to residents or producers of Stanislaus County, and that portion of Merced County north of the Merced River served by the Turlock Irrigation District.
- C. Open Divisions are open to residents of California, unless otherwise stated. "Open" may also refer to "extended" in the State Rules book.

GENERAL RULES

1. All State and Local Rules apply. Local divisions apply, unless otherwise stated in the handbook.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and abiding by our local rules (listed throughout this handbook) and all State Rules (available through the Fair Office), or at <http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/fe/Staterules.htm>.
3. **ENTRY FORMS DUE: THURSDAY, JUNE 18, by 5 P.M.** unless otherwise stated. Adults & Juniors must use different entry forms.
4. **EXHIBITOR AGE:** Based on age as of January 1, of current year (except in the Horse Department, see State Horse Show Rules).
5. Junior exhibitors entering must include their middle initial on their form.
6. **Insurance is required for all 4-H & FFA Exhibitors, Independent Junior Exhibitors and all Open Exhibitors entering in Horse, Livestock, Poultry, Rabbits, Cavies and Dogs (live animal classes).**
7. Junior Exhibitor's entry form must be signed by a parent, guardian or instructor.
8. Unless otherwise stated, an exhibitor must use separate entry forms **for each department and for each period in Home Arts & Floriculture** in which they are entering.
9. **NO ENTRY FORM OR ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES.**
10. For refund information please refer to State Rules (Note: no entry fee under \$1.00 will be refunded.)
11. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for each returned check.
12. **No Checks will be accepted after June 30th. Thereafter, fees must be paid by cash, cashiers checks or money orders only. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
13. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for each premium check that is re-issued.
14. The American judging system will be used in all adult divisions and in some junior divisions. When the Danish judging system is used, exhibitors will be allowed to receive more than two cash awards per class if earned, unless department or division rules state otherwise.
15. Junior Exhibitors who have been 4-H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 consecutive days (120 for horse and market beef) prior to the opening day of fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent juniors or enter the project under a different organization.
16. 4-H and FFA members cannot enter in the Junior Divisions if they have been enrolled in a project that pertains to that exhibit (enrolled for the current year).
17. **Refer to specific Exhibit Department class sections for additional rules & awards.** All State and Local Rules apply.

RECEIVING EXHIBITS

18. Exhibits are to be received as noted in specific departments.

AWARDS

19. Cash awards will be paid as recorded on the signed judging sheet. Award stickers and other markings on exhibitor cards are final only when they are confirmed with the judging book bearing the official judge's signature.
20. It is the intent of the fair management to include any earned "Special Awards" with exhibitors' cash award checks, provided the Fair Office has received the award from the donor. If "Special Awards" are not given out on release day, they will be mailed as soon as possible to the address submitted on the original entry form.
21. Exhibitors must notify the fair office of any errors of award money and/or special awards they receive within thirty (30) days.
22. Exhibitors must return any award received in error or he/she may not exhibit in the future.
23. All award checks should be cashed within sixty (60) days.

REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS

24. Exhibits will remain in place and will be released to owners upon presentation of a signed release (in the case of livestock) or a claim check, unless otherwise stated.
25. **NOTE: Any exhibit that is not picked up on its assigned release day and time as stated in this handbook will become property of the Stanislaus County Fair and will be disposed of at the discretion of Fair Management.**
26. Exhibits must be on display as specified and will not be released until the date specified in this handbook. Any violation of this rule will result in the forfeiture of any awards and/or privileges as deemed appropriate by Fair Management.

TRAFFIC

27. Parking space is available for livestock and horse show exhibitors in the West Parking Lot. Parking permits or a parking fee is required.
28. Special permits are issued for emergency and maintenance service vehicles as necessary for temporary parking.
29. Livestock vehicles cannot enter through gate 12 or through the arena gate 9 for entry on to fairgrounds. Livestock vehicles must use gate 13 for entry into the fairgrounds.

PASSES AND CREDENTIALS

30. 4-H, FFA, & Independent Junior Exhibitor and 4-H Leader & FFA Advisor Pass Assignment Policy as follows:
 - a) 4-H, FFA, & Independent Junior Livestock Exhibitors with entries in Livestock, Exhibition Poultry, or Rabbits will be issued a parking sticker and a wristband at no charge for parking in the west parking lot and entrance to the Fair from Friday, 7/31/09 through Sunday, 8/9/09. There is a limit of one (1) parking permit per family.
 - b) 4-H, FFA & Independent Junior Exhibitors with non-animal or horse entries will be issued a single day admission. (Not available to 4-H, FFA, & Independent Junior Exhibitors receiving a wristband as an exhibitor of Livestock, Exhibition Poultry or Rabbits or credentials as Fair Staff.)
 - c) Exhibitors with entries in the Youth Mini Rabbit and Mini Poultry Show will be issued a single day admission.
 - d) 4-H Community Leaders and FFA Advisors will be issued a 10-day punch card and a parking permit.
 - e) 4-H Leaders & FFA Advisors of Livestock, Exhibition Poultry, and Rabbit Projects will receive a 10-day punch card and a parking permit. There is a limit of one (1) Project Leader pass and one (1) parking permit per 4 exhibitors.
 - f) 4-H Leaders & FFA Advisors of non-animal or horse entries will be issued a single day admission.
 - g) Parents/guardians of exhibitors with entries in Livestock, Exhibition Poultry, or Rabbits are eligible to purchase a 10-Day punch card parent pass at a fee of \$25.00 per card. There is a limit of two (2) parent passes per family. The fees for the parent passes will be collected through the exhibitor's 4-H Club Community Leader or FFA Advisor. After the 4-H Club Community Leaders and FFA Advisors have purchased these passes from the Livestock Office, they will then distribute them to the appropriate exhibitors. (Not available to parents/guardians already receiving passes as 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors, or Fair Staff). **Parent passes will not be sold after Monday, August 3, 2009. NOTE: No refunds will be issued for parent passes.**

JUDGING

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

The judging process will rank exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second placing, etc.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Entries judged in the Danish Judging System are exempt from State rule VI, #4. The Danish System of Judging is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits.

<u>JUDGING SCALE - DANISH SYSTEM</u>			<u>Ribbon</u>
Group 1	Superior	100%-92%	Blue
Group 2	Good	91%-84%	Red
Group 3	Average	83%-70%	White
Group 4	Poor	69% or less	None

Judging times and dates are subject to change without notice

2009 STANISLAUS COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK RV PARKING LOT

1. Registration begins at **8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 21st**.
2. **Reservations will ONLY be taken in person** at the Stanislaus County Fair office, 900 North Broadway, Turlock. Mail/phone reservations will not be accepted.
3. Camping, \$40.00 per site.
4. Camping sites are limited and on a first come, first serve basis only.
5. To reserve a site, the Exhibitor's address must be farther than a 10-mile radius from the fairgrounds.
6. For additional information call the Fair Office at 668-1333.

4-H & FFA DEPARTMENT RULES - (Local Divisions)

1. Entry forms are due by 5 p.m., June 4th, (unless otherwise stated). June 4th postmark will be accepted.
2. Visit the fair's website www.stancofair.com to enter your exhibits online, or download your entry form.
3. Print or type all information except signature. Each entry must be listed separately on the entry form.
4. Entry form must be signed by ALL of the following: EXHIBITOR, PARENT and PROJECT LEADER. **The exhibitor's age must also be included on the form in order to be considered complete.**
5. Unless otherwise stated, 4-H and FFA divisions are judged on the Danish System.
6. Entries must have been completed, collected, grown or prepared by the exhibitor within one year of the opening date of the fair, unless otherwise stated.
7. Refer to specific 4-H and FFA department class sections for additional rules & awards. **All State and Local Rules apply.**
8. Participation is limited to members residing in the 38th Agricultural District, composed of Stanislaus County and that portion of Merced County north of the Merced River served by the Turlock Irrigation District. Exhibitors desiring to show or sell market animals at the Stanislaus County Fair may not show or sell market animals (including Dairy Heifers) at Los Banos, Chowchilla or Merced County Fairs, within the same calendar year (this ruling does not apply to breeding classes).
9. County, District and State Fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits. Liability insurance is required for all junior exhibitors showing animals at the Stanislaus County Fair (see page A-2). Refer to specific divisions for additional information and rules. All local and state rules apply.

THE OFFICIAL 4-H UNIFORM

BOYS – Cap, green through 8th grade, white 9th and above; white shirt with collar, short or long sleeve (long required for rabbits and when showing horses), white/off-white tailored or jeans style full-length pants; green 4-H emblem tie; shoes or boots.

GIRLS – May wear same as listed for boys, or may wear white blouse, white skirt, culottes or a white dress of similar style, green 4-H collar fastened with a white plastic or metal ring.

APPEARANCE – Cap must be worn on head, shirt must be tucked into pants, belts must be worn if pants have loops, pants must be outside if boots are worn, 4-H collar must be over shirt collar. Baggy pants and spandex are not acceptable. English or western boots are required for horse.

THE OFFICIAL FFA UNIFORM

The official FFA show uniform is to be worn by all FFA exhibitors and by helpers in individual and chapter groups while showing at fair and livestock show. It shall consist of white trousers, white dress shirt or blouse (short or long sleeved) with the FFA emblem attached to the left pocket, the official FFA blue necktie for boys and official FFA blue scarf for girls. The official FFA jacket is optional. If the jacket is worn, the shirt emblem is not required. Hats or headgear of any kind shall not be worn with the official show uniform while showing. A belt must be worn with trousers.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOREWORD

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of students enrolled in high school vocational agriculture classes. The local unit is the chapter in each high school offering vocational agriculture under the supervision of the agriculture teacher, who is always the local chapter advisor. The State unit includes all chapters in the state, under the supervision of the State Department of Education represented by the Bureau of Agricultural Education, with its headquarters at the State Education Building, Sacramento, California. The national unit is the group association in each state and Puerto Rico, under the supervision of the Agriculture Education Division of the U.S. Office of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington D.C. Every Future Farmer project in livestock, poultry, fruits or crops is a part of the practical education of the vocational agriculture student who owns it. The program includes the improvement of agriculture leading ultimately to the ownership of the farms and development of good rural citizenship. Participation in fairs and livestock shows is recognized as having educational value as well as stimulation for better results and finer projects, under supervision of the qualified chapter advisor and with cooperation of the fair.

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

1. An Independent Junior is an exhibitor not eligible to compete in a certain category as a member of a 4-H, Grange or FFA junior organization.
2. Independent Exhibitors must be at least 9 years old or in the 4th grade by January 1, 2009. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.
3. Independent exhibitors must enter an open junior or independent class unless one is not available. If an open junior or independent class is not available, junior exhibitors may enter an appropriate 4-H, FFA or Grange class. Fair Management may determine the Division and/or class placement of independent exhibitors.
4. Independent Junior Exhibitors entering market animal projects must not have been affiliated with a junior organization (60 days for market meat goat, sheep, swine and 120 days for market beef cattle) from the opening day of fair to be eligible to participate. These entries need to be registered with the Fair. Registration forms are available from the fair office. Registration forms for market beef entries are due by March 30, 2009 and registration forms for market sheep, swine, and meat goats are due May 29, 2009. Along with these registration forms, Independent Junior Exhibitors must provide fair management with pictures of the front view and a view of both sides of the animal, a copy of the bill of sale or cancelled check for each animal, and permanent tag/tattoo information. In addition, Independent Junior Livestock Exhibitors with market entries will need to fill out an entry form. Entry forms are due by 5pm Thursday, June 4, 2009.
5. Independent Junior Exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available as to the length of the project.
6. Independent Junior Exhibitors must have responsible "on grounds" supervision at all times
7. Liability insurance is required for all Independent Junior Exhibitors showing animals, for the duration of the fair. Liability insurance coverage is available for purchase through the fair office.

THE INDEPENDENT JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR UNIFORM

Exhibitors shall wear white short or long sleeve shirt, white or off-white trousers or skirt. A belt must be worn if trousers have belt loops. Boots may be worn, but trousers must be outside the boots.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT JUDGING

The **Danish System of Judging** is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. This system of judging allows each entry to be judged on its own merit against the scorecard, and awards as many placing (and cash awards) as merited. In all Junior Departments where Danish Judging is used, JUDGES SHALL USE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

<u>JUDGING SCALE - DANISH SYSTEM</u>			<u>Ribbon</u>
Group 1	Superior	100%-92%	Blue
Group 2	Good	91%-84%	Red
Group 3	Average	83%-70%	White
Group 4	Poor	69% or less	None

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT GENERAL RULES

1. Unless otherwise stated, ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE **THURSDAY, JUNE 18th, BY 5 P.M.** June 18th postmark will be accepted.
2. Visit the fair's website www.stancofair.com to enter your exhibits online, or download your entry form.
3. Tiny Tots (pre-kindergarten) and other Junior exhibitors who are currently enrolled in Kindergarten thru 12th grade and are residents of Stanislaus County or the portion of Merced County north of the Merced River and served by the Turlock Irrigation District are eligible.
4. NOTE: Grade groups are based on the student's LAST COMPLETED GRADE BY THE OPENING DAY OF FAIR (7/31/09). Grade requirements are as follows:

Tiny Tot:	Pre-Kindergarten
K-2:	Kindergarten, 1st grade & 2nd grade
3-5:	3rd grade, 4th grade & 5th grade
6-8:	6th grade, 7th grade & 8th grade
9-12:	9th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade & 12 th grade
5. Exhibitors must use Junior Department entry forms.
6. TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY (except signatures).
7. All junior entry forms must include two (2) signatures, the exhibitor's parent or instructor, and the exhibitor. The instructor must sign the entry form only when an entry is a school project. Parent or instructor may sign for an exhibitor only if the exhibitor is under 7 years old.
8. Entries must be completed by exhibitor within one year prior to the opening day of fair.
9. "Any other" classes are only for entries that do not qualify to be entered in any class already listed.
10. Entries must be listed separately and specifically on entry form.
11. **SEPARATE ENTRY FORMS MUST BE USED FOR EACH EXHIBITOR AND EACH DEPARTMENT. SEPARATE ENTRY FORMS MUST BE USED FOR EACH JUDGING PERIOD IN FLORICULTURE AND HOME ARTS.**
12. Independent junior exhibitors will be issued a one (1) day fair pass on receiving day for each judging period in which they exhibit. This does not apply for school group projects. For information regarding school tours, please call Corrin with Stanislaus Farm Bureau at (209) 522-7278.
13. 4-H and FFA members may not enter in these divisions if they have been enrolled in a project that pertains to that exhibit within 60 consecutive days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the opening day of fair.
14. All State and Local rules apply.
15. **Refer to specific Junior department class sections for additional rules & awards.** All State and Local Rules apply.

PRE-FAIR ADULT ADMISSION & CARNIVAL WRISTBAND COUPONS

1. **Admission tickets will be on sale at the fairgrounds ticket office, Valley First Credit Union (during normal business hours), and online at www.stancofair.com for \$8.00 each, until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30th. After July 30th they can be purchased at the regular price of \$10.00 each.
2. Also available at the fairgrounds ticket office: child (age 6-12) admission tickets \$3.00 each. Children 5 & under are free.
3. Carnival wristband coupons will be on sale at the fairgrounds ticket office, Valley First Credit Union (during normal business hours), and online at www.stancofair.com for \$23.00 each (good for any day), until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30th. After July 30th they can be purchased for \$30.00 each.
4. Ticket office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2009 Stanislaus County Fair dates: July 31st through August 9th

Fairtime Buildings & Grounds Hours

OPEN 5:00 pm Weekdays
12 Noon Saturday & Sunday

CLOSE
All buildings: 11:00 pm Nightly
Grounds: 12:00 Midnight Sunday thru Thursday
1:00 am Friday & Saturday

Fair Office Hours

Fairtime 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Daily
Non Fair 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Weekdays

General Admission:

Adult (13 & over) - \$ 8.00** (if purchased by 7pm, July 30th)
Adult (13 & over) - \$10.00**
Child (6-12) - \$3.00
Under 6 - FREE