PAYLE
2026
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Participants must be a PA resident.

Participants must be 0-21 years of age as of Jan 1, 2026. All exhibitors must be able to control their animals by themselves, no help will be permitted into the ring other than the appointed ring help for the show.

Exhibitors can exhibit as many animals as they choose there will not be a limit on number of entries.

Entry Deadline below

	Entry Deadline **Nov 1, 2026**	Late Entry Deadline **Nov 2-7 2026**
Market Lambs, Goats, Pigs, Commercial Ewe Lambs, Whether Dams and Breeding Gilts	$60	$90
Market Steers and Heifers, Prospect Beef and Breeding Heifers	$75	$125

All breeding & market animals must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of entry and not change ownership from entry through the PAYLE show.

Health Papers required for all species and must be within 30 days.

All shows included in PAYLE are non-terminal.

PAYLE Executive Committee reserves the right to prorate any premiums.

There will be showmanship and skill-a-thon opportunities available for all exhibitors

There will be pen space available for all animals, NO showing off the trailer.

All pens inside of barns will be used for animals only.

Exhibitors are responsible to clean up any and all bedding used inside and outside pen areas. PAYLE reserves the right to require exhibitors to cover any costs associated with additional removal/clean up of bedding outside the barns.

Mulch will be provided in the cattle barns. All other bedding must be provided by exhibitors. Straw will be the only bedding permitted outside of barn area and must be provided and removed by exhibitors.

Generators are encouraged and permitted for use outside of barns. Please do not run generators inside of barns.

Exhibitors are permitted to leave once they have completed showing.

All animals are subject to randomized drug testing.

Any exhibitor and the exhibitor's animal that does not follow the rules will be disqualified and all premiums and awards will be forfeited

Specie and breed-specific rules and regulations are outlined in their respective section of the Rule Book. Exhibitors are required to read ALL rules and procedures which pertain to the division they are entering. In the event of conflict of general and special rules, the latter will govern. Exhibitors are required to read these rules and regulations and be prepared to comply with them.

Exhibitors must show their own animal. The only exception being if an exhibitor has two animals in one class or is showing in a separate ring simultaneously. Only one exhibitor per animal in the show ring, no additional help will be permitted. Prior to show day medical excuses will be taken and evaluated on a case by case basis.

All PAYLE exhibitors, their family members and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitor must display good sportsmanship and act in a courteous manner at the PAYLE show. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be referred to the PAYLE Executive Committee for appropriate action, if the Committee deems necessary. Unsportsmanlike conduct may include but is not limited to physical actions, threats, or outbursts of profanity, or tampering with another exhibitor's animals. Committee action is not limited to the following, but may result in the exhibitor found in violation to be barred from current or future participation in PAYLE show.

The humane treatment of all livestock is required and shall include, but not be limited to, feeding, watering and caring for all animals in a proper manner as determined by show management.

Any damage, loss or injury caused to the grounds, another exhibitor or their exhibits will be the liability of the person(s) causing the damage. PAYLE and associated show management shall in no way be held responsible for the damage or injury caused.

All signed entry forms verify exhibitor's consent of use of photos or videos taken by official PAYLE photographers for use in advertisement and promotion of the event.

Health Requirements

1. Rabies vaccination requirements: There are rabies vaccination requirements for vaccine-eligible animals exhibited at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex ("complex"). For all animal exhibition events held at the complex, animal species for which a rabies vaccine is labeled for use (cattle, sheep, and horses) shall be vaccinated prior to exhibition in the complex. All age-eligible animals of those livestock species must be vaccinated according to label directions. Animals must be vaccinated within the 12 months preceding entry to the event at the complex, unless the product label allows a longer duration of immunity. This requirement applies to both breeding and market classes of these species. For animal species in which there is not a rabies vaccine product labeled for use (e.g., camelids, goats, swine), vaccination is recommended, and extra-label use of a vaccine is at the discretion of the exhibitor's veterinarian. All rabies-vaccinated animals exhibited at the complex must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate consistent with the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) guidelines, or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI or Veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) form. The vaccine product administered, serial number, date of vaccination, and name of the veterinarian who performed the vaccination should be listed with the official ID of the animal(s) or the name(s) and written physical description(s) and on the CVI or VCPR form.

Grand Drive Participants
The following animals will be included in the Grand Drive

Market Goats and Wether Dams	Top 3 in each division
Market Lambs and Commercial Ewes	Top 3 in each breed
Market Pigs and Gilts	Top 3 in the following: Top 3 Overall Team NSR (Durocs, Hamp, Landrace, York) Top 3 Overall Team Purebred (Berk, Chester White, Poland, Spot, Tamworth, Hereford) Crossbred Top 3 each Division
Market Steers, Prospect Steers, Breeding Cattle	Top 3 each breed (3rd's cattle do not have to come to ring but can be on standby, exhibitors will be recognized and walk through the ring without cattle, second will do a walk-through ring with cattle and fill as top 3 are picked)

COMPLAINT OR PROTEST PROCEDURE

To file a complaint or protest regarding a perceived infraction of a PAYLE rule must submit a fee of $500 to the PAYLE Executive Committee. Individuals protesting must be a PAYLE exhibitor (18 years old or older) or parent/guardian of a PAYLE exhibitor that year. The PAYLE Executive Committee will not release the name of the individual filing the protest. The fee will be refunded only if the protest is sustained by the PAYLE Executive Committee. The PAYLE Committee also reserves the right to review any potential rules violation on its own without a complaint first being filed. The PAYLE Committee, in its discretion, will determine the appropriate action, if any, and reserves the right to use any combination of tools and/or technology to conduct a thorough investigation pertaining to the protest. If the results of the investigation clearly do not support the complaint or protest, the matter will be dropped. If the results of the investigation appear to support the complaint or protest, the PAYLE Committee will provide the participant who is the subject of the complaint or protest with a meeting, where the participant and the participant's family and any other involved parties will have an opportunity to present evidence or argument in their defense. The meeting time and location will be at the PAYLE Committee's discretion and within 24 hours of the complaint. The party making the protest may attend and present evidence or argument in support of the protest. Following the meeting, the PAYLE Committee will decide and inform the participant of its decision within 48 hours of the meeting.

If an exhibitor or exhibitors' family have multiple occurrences of a violation of the PAYLE rules the following penalties may be enforced:

a. Disqualified from exhibiting at the PAYLE for one year.
b. Ineligible for any & all scholarships given by PAYLE
c. Any & all premium money will be forfeited.
d. All awards (banners, buckles, chairs, etc.) must be returned to the PAYLE Executive Director immediately regardless of any situation or will be billed at PAYLE discretion.

Multiple violations by the same exhibitor/family may result in a ban from PAYLE for the remainder of the exhibitors Junior career.

The decisions of the PAYLE Executive Committee, on all issues at PAYLE shows shall be final.

DRUG TESTING

Any and all animals entered and shown at PAYLE Show are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor. If an animal tests positive for a non-approved substance; i.e. performance enhancing or non-approved for food producing animals, the exhibitor will be held accountable no matter the circumstances, date of purchase, or date of taking possession of the animal.

The top two market animals in each species will immediately be taken to the designated drug testing area for a sample once the grand drive for that species has ended. The official PAYLE veterinarian will release the exhibitor and animal once testing is deemed complete. Show management also reserves the right to randomly drug test any livestock exhibited at the PAYLE.

Non-approved pharmaceuticals are 100% prohibited. This includes substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals that may be destined for human consumption. This includes the use of all products that are not FDA approved including but not limited to any unapproved growth stimulant, beta-agonists, diuretics, or other unapproved medication meant for human usage that are intended for performance enhancing purposes.

All utilized pharmaceuticals should be in compliance with Pennsylvania standards, United States Food and Drug Administration, and/or United States Department of Agriculture/Food Safety/safety standards.

If any substance found in the obtained sample is non-approved (see above), then the individual exhibitor will be subject to the following penalties:

a. Disqualified from exhibiting at the PAYLE for one year.
b. Ineligible for any & all scholarships given by the PAYLE
c. Any & all premium money will be forfeited.
d. All awards (banners, buckles, chairs, etc.) must be returned to the PAYLE Executive Director immediately regardless of any situation or will be billed at PAYLE discretion
e. If an exhibitor returns to show at PAYLE and has an animal fail a drug test for a second time the result will be permanently disqualified from showing at the PAYLE.

ANIMALS CLASSES INCLUDED:

Sheep
Market Lambs (Ewes and Wethers)
Market Purebred Lambs (Classified)
Commercial Ewe Lambs

Hogs
Market
Crossbred Hogs (Gilts and Barrows show together)
Purebred Hogs (Gilts and Barrows show together)
Breeding Gilts
Purebreds
Crossbreds

Goats
Market Goats (Does and Wethers)
Wether Dam Show

Cattle
Market Beef Show (Steers and Heifers) (1,000lb + at time of show)
Prospect Beef Show (Steers and Heifers) (999lbs or less at time of show)
Breeding Heifer Show

SHOWMANSHIP & SKILL-A-THON AGE GROUPS

0 - 7 years old
8 - 11 Years old
12 - 14 years old
15 - 17 years old
18 - 21 years old

SHOWMANSHIP GUIDELINES

1. **Exhibitor will show by age as of Jan 1, 2026.**

2. Participant must register within the allotted time of species registration to be able to compete in showmanship

3. Showmanship in each specie will be shown oldest to youngest.

SKILL-A-THON GUIDELINES

1. Exhibitor will show by age as of Jan 1, 2026.

2. Skill-a-thon will be open each day (Saturday, Sunday). Exhibitors can only participate once during PAYLE show. Questions will be randomly selected each day from an approved pool of questions to discourage sharing of questions and answers.

3. No cell phones or internet capable watches are allowed during skill-a-thon.

4. Parents are not permitted into the designated skill-a-thon area and cannot help during skill-a-thon. There will be appointed individuals to help kids read questions if needed.

PIG RULES

GENERAL RULES

1. Entries can be either barrows or gilts. All hogs must have an 840 tag for entry and check-in and a health certificate issued within 30 days. No Exceptions!!

2. Swine with testicles or portions of testicles will be disqualified and all monies forfeited.

3. Pigs will be shown as Market Hogs or Breeding Gilts. Any Breeding Gilt can also exhibit in the market Hog show IF an additional entry fee is paid and registered by the entry deadline. You must have two entries paid if you want to exhibit your Gilt in both the Market AND Breeding Gilt shows.

4. Purebred pigs must present pedigrees in the name(s) of the exhibitor(s) as the owner by November 1, 2026. Papers must be in exhibitor(s) name.(Multiple family members may be listed on a pedigree)

5. Breed validation and ear notch matching will take place at time of check in. Exhibitors must bring their purebred entries and pedigrees to the specified check in and have them checked by show management

6. Breeds offered:
    Berkshire
    Chester White
    Poland
    Spot
    Hereford
    Tamworth
    Yorkshire
    Duroc
    Hampshire
    Landrace
    Crossbred

7. A minimum of 5 head will be required to have a breed division. Any breed with less than 5 head will go into the AOB Division.

8. Weighing procedure will be as follows: All hogs will be weighed at designated times set forth by show committee. Times will be posted before the show.

MARKET HOGS

1. All Market Hogs will be shown by breed & weight.

2. No weight limit requirements

3. Barrows & gilts will show together.

4. Classes will be broken by breed and weight. Crossbred hogs classes will be broken by weight.

5. Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 3rd overall will be selected.

BREEDING GILTS.

1. Purebred gilts must be farrowed 2/1/2026 or after.

2. All Purebred breeding gilts will be shown by breed & age and crossbred will be shown by weight.

3. Gilts will have no weight limit restrictions.

4. Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 3rd overall will be selected.

GOAT RULES

1. All goats must have a USDA official scrapie tag for entry and check-in. All goats must have a health certificate issued within 30 days.

2. There will be a Market Goat Show and Wether Dam Show.

4. The Wether Dam show is for does only. Wethers and Does both may show in the Market Show.

5. Any Doe can also exhibit in the market Goat show IF an additional entry fee is paid and registered by the entry deadline. PLEASE NOTE, you must have two entries paid if you want to exhibit your Doe in both the Market AND Wether Dam shows.

6. Does may be haired for the Wether Dam show, and/or the market show.

7. Both the Wether Dam Show and Market Show entries will show by weight.

8. No goats should have visible signs of prolapse, sore mouth or club goat fungus/ringworm.

9. Animals with testicles, portions of testicles or yearling teeth will be disqualified.

10. Horns are optional

11. There is no minimum/maximum weight restriction for the Wether Dam Show or for Market Show.

12. Weighing procedure will be as follows: All goats will be weighed at designated times set forth by show committee. Times will be posted before the show.

13. No showing off the trailer

SHEEP RULES

GENERAL RULES

1. All sheep must have a USDA official scrapie ear tag for entry and check-in. All sheep must have a health certificate issued within 30 days.

2. Lambs will be shown as Market Lambs or Commercial Ewe Lambs.

3. Any Commercial Ewe can also exhibit in the market Lamb show IF an additional entry fee is paid and registered by the entry deadline. PLEASE NOTE, You must have two entries paid if you want to exhibit your Ewe in both the Market AND Commercial Ewe shows.

4. There is no maximum weight.

5. Weighing procedure will be as follows: All sheep will be weighed at designated times set forth by show committee. Times will be posted before the show.

6. A minimum of 5 head will be required to have a breed division. Any breed with less than 5 head will go into the AOB Division.

7. No lambs should have visible signs of prolapse, sore mouth or club lamb fungus/ringworm.

8. Animals with testicles, portions of testicles or yearling teeth will be disqualified.

9. No showing off the trailer

COMMERCIAL EWE LAMB SHOW

1. All ewe lambs will be shown by breed classification and weight, crossbred ewe lambs will be shown by weight.

2. Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 3rd overall will be selected

MARKET LAMB SHOW

1. All Market Lamb Classes will be shown by weight and breed classification.

2. Wethers and Ewe lambs will show together.

3. Classes will be broken by breed and weight.

4. Wethers will be reviewed by breed classification officials at designated time. **All blankets must be removed before classification and weigh in.** If the breed classification officials determine that an entry in any breed division does not exhibit the characteristics required by that breed association, the entry will be transferred to the appropriate Black Face or White Face Crossbred class. Three (3) classifiers will use chip system to decide breed if needed. If the exhibitor does not accept the transfer, they can withdraw their entry from the show, but the entry fees will NOT be refunded. The decision of the Official Breed Classifiers is FINAL.

5. BREED CLASSIFICATION

Breeds will be classified as either:

a. Hampshire
b. Shropshire
c. Oxford
d. Southdown
e. Suffolk
f. Dorset
g. AOB
h. White Face Cross
i. Natural Colored
j. Black Face Cross

6. Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 3rd overall will be selected.

CATTLE RULES

GENERAL RULES

1. All cattle must have an 840 tag for entry and check-in. All cattle must have a health certificate issued within 30 days.

2. Breeding Beef animals must be born after September 1, 2024. Market beef animals must be born after January 1, 2025.

3. No Cow/calf pairs or bulls.

4. Exhibitors must enter their class on time. Animal arriving late to their assigned class may be ineligible to participate per the beef committee's discretion.

5. Any Heifer can also exhibit in the market or Prospect show IF an additional entry fee is paid and registered by the entry deadline. PLEASE NOTE, You must have two entries paid if you want to exhibit your Heifer in both the Market or Prospect AND Breeding shows.

6. A minimum of 5 head will be required to have a breed division. Any breed with less than 5 head will go into the AOB Division. The Beef Committee reserves the right to create another division or place any breed in the AOB based on divisions after check-in.

7. Animals that are considered Crossbred (without a breed registration) will not be eligible for the AOB division.

8. Classes will be broken per the PAYLE Beef Committee after the completion of check-in.

9. Exhibitors wanting to show in breed classes must have the original registration papers available at check-in. Electronic copies can be used if your breed makes them available online. Visual proof (ie. on a phone) must still be presented at check-in; we will not have the capacity to look them up for you. Registration papers which are stamped and verified by the breed organization will not be subject to an additional tattoo confirmation.

10. Any registered animal, upon check-in, which does not have a LEGIBLE permanent identification mark corresponding to the permanent identification mark on the registration paper, is ineligible to show in its designated breed division. Exhibitors may elect to show the animal as a crossbred animal should an identification mark not be verified.

11. All breeding cattle must be checked by a show committee member during the designated check-in times for Veterinary inspection and entry confirmation.

12. Pop up Tents may be utilized in the cattle barns

13. Stalling preference must be designated at time of entry. No showing off the trailer, however tie outs will be available.

BREEDING HEIFER SHOW

1. Breed heifers must be shown by age and crossbred heifers by weight.

2. Cattle may only show one time within the breeding heifer show and market show, no double entries allowed. Dual registered cattle may show only in one breed.

3. Recognized breeds for Breeding Heifers will include:

Breed	**Requirement**
Angus	Purebred
Charolais	Purebred
% Charolais	50% - 15/16
Chianina	6.25%
Hereford	Purebred
Limousin	¼ - Purebred
Maine-Anjou	3/4
MaineTainer	1/4
Maine Angus	between 3/8 to 5/8 Maine-Anjou blood and 3/8 to 5/8 registered Angus
Shorthorn	15/16
Shorthorn Plus	1/2
Purebred Simmental	7/8 and up
Percentage Simmental	½ to 3/4
Miniature Breeds	Jr National Eligible
AOB	Recognized by an association
Crossbred	Shown by weight

Registered Heifer Classes

Division 1
a. Junior Heifer Calves, calved on or after March 1, 2026
b. Early Junior Heifer Calves, calved between January 1-February 29, 2026

Division 2
a. Winter Heifer Calves, calved November 1-December 31, 2025
b. Senior Heifer Calves, calved between September 1-October 31, 2025

Division 3
a. Late Summer Yearling Heifer, calved between July 1-August 31, 2025
b. Early Summer Yearling Heifer, calved between May 1-June 30, 2025

Division 4
a. Late Spring Yearling Heifer, calved between April 1-April 30, 2025
b. Early Spring Yearling Heifer, calved between March 1-March 31, 2025
c. Junior Yearling Heifer, calved between January 1-February 28, 2025

Division 5
a. Senior Yearling Heifer, calved between September 1-December 31, 2024

4. Champion and Reserve Females of each breed division offered at PAYLE will be selected.
Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 3rd overall will be selected.

**PAYLE reserves the right to add classes once entries are submitted

MARKET BEEF SHOW

1. Market Steers and Market Heifers must weigh 1000lbs or more to compete in the market steer division. Animals weighing 999lbs or less will show in the prospect division (see below).

2. Market Steers will be shown according to breed and weight. Market Heifers will be shown by weight.

3. Recognized breeds for Market Steers will include:

Breed	**Requirement**
Angus	Purebred
Charolais Influenced	50% - Purebred
Chianina	Registration Papers required
Hereford	Purebred
Limousin Influenced	¼ - Purebred
Maine-Anjou	¼ - Purebred
Shorthorn Influenced	½ - 15/16
Simmental Influenced	½ - 7/8
Miniature Breeds	Jr National Eligible
AOB	Recognized by an association
Crossbred	Shown by weight
Committee reserves the right to modify breed classes dependent upon entries	

5. Weighing procedure will be as follows: All market cattle will be weighed at designated times set forth by show committee. Times will be posted before the show.

6. Champion and Reserve Market Animal of each breed division offered at PAYLE will be selected. Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 3rd overall will be selected.

PROSPECT BEEF SHOW

1. Prospect Steers and Prospect Market Heifers must weigh 999 lbs or less to compete in the prospect division.

2. Prospect Steers will be shown according to breed and weight. Prospect Market Heifers will be shown by weight.

3. Recognized breeds for Prospect Steers will include:

Breed	**Requirement**
Angus	Purebred
Charolais Influenced	50% - Purebred
Chianina	Registration Papers required
Hereford	Purebred
Limousin Influenced	¼ - Purebred
Maine-Anjou	¼ - Purebred
Shorthorn Influenced	½ - 15/16
Simmental Influenced	½ - 7/8
Miniature Breeds	Jr National Eligible
AOB	Recognized by an association
Crossbred	Shown by weight
Committee reserves the right to modify breed classes dependent upon entries	

5. Weighing procedure will be as follows: All prospect cattle will be weighed at designated times set forth by show committee. Times will be posted before the show.

6. Champion and Reserve Market Animal of each breed division offered at PAYLE will be selected. Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 3rd overall will be selected.

Photography Contest

Divisions competing - Based on age as of Jan 1, 2026.

0 - 7 years old
8 - 11 Years old
12 - 14 years old
15 - 17 years old
18 - 21 years old

- Photos may be image enhanced.
- Photos must be taken by the exhibitor submitting the photo.
- Cell phone photos are allowed.
- Entry opens Sept 1 and the deadline is Nov 1, 2026
- Photos will be submitted online through Formstack. Submit one (1) photo per exhibitor.
- The following information is required when submitting the form: - Exhibitor Name - Exhibitor Age as of January 1, 2026
- Judging will concentrate on all aspects of photography.
- A panel of judges will review the entries.
- Winners will be announced at the show and have the winners showcased.
- Photos become the property of PAYLE and can be used for publication or promotional materials.