**Program Schedule**

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

7:00am - 9:30am Weighing & Entering Animals

11:00am Special Awards Show

2:00pm Fitting and Showmanship of Goats

 Official Judging of Goats

4:00pm Showmanship of Cattle

 Official Judging of Breeding Heifers

 Official Judging of Steers

 **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

8:00am Official Judging of Hogs

 Fitting and Showmanship of Swine

12:00pm Fitting and Showmanship of Lambs

 Official Judging of Lambs

6:45pm Sale of Animals: (Z to A)

 Hogs, Steers, Lambs, Goats

 Auctioneer: Alden Winslow

**Rules & Regulations**

**2025**

1. Any 4-H or FFA member residing in the 5 County area of Camden, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank, or Perquimans Counties is eligible to exhibit and compete for premiums in local show.

2. Youth must be age 5 as of January 1st of the current year and must be enrolled in school and must not have graduated from high school to be eligible to exhibit and sell their animal.

3. Youth ages 5 (and in kindergarten, not Pre-K) to 7 as of January 1st of current year can exhibit, but are not allowed to participate in competitive classes. They can exhibit in non-competitive showmanship classes and can sell their animals.

4. Youth ages 8 and over as of January 1st of current year are eligible to compete in both official judging and showmanship.

5. The show shall be for steers, heifers, hogs, meat goat kids, and lambs of any breed. No pygmy influence in goats. All hogs, meat goat kids, and lambs to compete for prizes in the show must have been owned and on the farm by March 1st prior to the date of the show. Steers must have been owned and on the farm by December 31st prior to the date of the show. Every participant must complete an on-line registration form and 4-H online by February 28th with exhibitor’s name, age, contact/phone #, and physical address of where animal is located to be eligible to compete in official judging.

6. A). All steers will be tagged by January 10th by a member of the extension staff.

B). All meat goat kids, hogs and lambs will be tagged while on the farm by March 15th by extension staff. Each exhibitor will be allowed 2 tags per species. Animals to be exhibited must be declared at time of weigh-in. Information is required to compete in official judging.

7. Cattle, hogs, lambs and meat goat kids will be divided into classes with an overall Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Third Place. Each steer, heifer, hog, lamb, and meat goat kid class will have a selected placing of First, Second, and Third. Grand Champion will be selected from the first-place winners from each class. Reserve Champion will be selected from the remaining First Place winners and the Second-Place winner from the same class as Grand Champion. Third Place will be selected from the remaining First Place winners and the next placing in classes from which the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion were selected. Cattle, hogs, goats, and lambs will be divided into classes as equal as possible at time of show. No more than 8 cattle, 20 hogs, 15 lambs, or 15 goats may be entered in any one class. Class size applies to both official judging and showmanship classes.

8. All entries in the beef cattle department must be without horns and shown at halter. No short scrotum bulls are allowed. The ringmaster is authorized to tie unruly cattle for safety of other exhibitors. Show grades of steers will be determined by the judge for the purpose of awarding ribbons.

9. Swine to be eligible must be barrows or gilts, weighing at least 230 lbs., and not over 290 lbs. to compete in official judging. Swine weighing below a minimum of 230 lbs. or above a maximum of 290 lbs. are **NOT** eligible to be entered in official judging but may be entered in showmanship. Only swine grading US No. 1 and No. 2 will be eligible to be entered in the show. Each swine exhibitor can show one individual hog. The following swine will be brought into the sales ring during the sale: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Third Place in Official Judging.

10. All entries in the lamb show must be wether or ewe lambs (no ram lambs), must have tails docked, have a scrapie tag, and be halter broken. Lambs can be shown at halter or at hand. All lambs must be clipped before going to the show ring. All lambs will be brought into the sales ring during the sale. Lambs will be mouthed at check-in by a designated group and must have baby teeth to be entered into official judging.

11. Goats to be exhibited can be wethers or does and must have a scrapie tag. No pygmy influence in goats is allowed. All goats must weigh a minimum of 40 pounds to be eligible to show. All goat kid horn tips must be dulled and/or blunt. Goats will be mouthed at check-in by a designated group and must have baby teeth to be entered into official judging. Goats can be shown by hand, halter, or collar.

12. Heifers must be born between April 30, 2023 to October 31, 2024. All heifers must be registered with your county Extension Office and be housed on your premises by January 31, 2025. Each exhibitor will be allowed to nominate 2 heifers but must declare one heifer to be exhibited at check-in.

13. A registration fee of $20.00 made payable to the Albemarle Area 4-H Livestock Show is required to be paid by January 31, 2025 to participate in the heifer show.

14. All heifers must be checked in at the show prior to 3pm on Tuesday April 29, 2025. All heifers are asked to leave the grounds following the heifer show. All decisions are made final through the heifer committee.

15. No animals are eligible to compete in more than one class. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in each species. All animals must be free from disease.

16. Showmanship will be divided into four classes by age for lamb, goat, swine, and cattle exhibitors. Ages are: senior class, 16-19; intermediate class, 13-15; junior class, 8-12; and primary class, 5-7. January 1st of the current show will determine age of exhibitor. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal in showmanship competition. Senior, Intermediate, and Junior showmanship classes of more than 8 cattle will be broken in half with the top three from each class competing for final placings. Primary showmanship classes are non-competitive.

17. The Albemarle Area 4-H Livestock Show & Sale adheres to and abides by the ''International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics.'' All participants shall receive a version on-line of the ''(IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics'' during the preregistration process. Failure to acknowledge said form shall prevent the exhibitor from participating in the Albemarle Area 4- HHHHH Livestock Show and Sale.

18. In the case of severe injury, sickness, or death of your animal, exhibitors must contact their extension office so appropriate action can be taken.

19. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in the case of death or injury to his/her animals. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to feed, water, and care for all animals during the show and after the sale.

20. Show sponsors assume NO responsibility for injury or property damage.

21. All animals (steer, lamb, meat goat kid, swine) will be sold by the head even though the base bid may be by the pound. During the auction, the base bid is considered as given. All animals auctioned are started at zero dollars, with auction bid added to base bid for total bid. Lamb, meat goat kids, steer, and hog base bids will be opened prior to the auction.

22. All sales must be approved by sales committee.

23. All exhibitors or parents of exhibitors must specify by April 1, 2025 via the online form if they will be taking their animal home. No phone calls will be accepted. Any animal that is taken home will wave support price.

24. All sales by exhibitors will be assessed seven (7) percent commission on all amounts over the support price, which will be transferred to the Building Account. Each exhibitor will be assessed $2.00 per head for maintenance.

25. All exhibitor checks that must be reissued will be charged a $25.00 rewrite fee.

26. The judge will be chosen by the livestock committee and once confirmed will be announced.

27. To assist with Building clean-up, all animal pens/tie-ups will be numbered. At check-in, each exhibitor will declare the number of the pen/tie-up for which they will be responsible. If exhibitor’s assigned area is not cleaned out after the show, a $50.00 deduction will be taken from exhibitor’s check. Exhibitors will be given a period from the show until Thursday, May 8th for clean-up. A designated place will be assigned for used shavings.

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