

EXHIBIT “C” FAQs ON THE USE OF FARM NAMES FOR REGISTRATION AND ENTRIES

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1. What is the text of the new rule?

The new rule will appear under General Animal Exhibitor Rules, Section D. Ownership, new sub-paragraph 3 to read as follows:

“3. At the time of entry, in the event that the owner of the registered animal has been listed as a farm name, business name, corporation, LLC, partnership or other type of business entity, the exhibitor must disclose the name(s) of the adult individual(s) who are the principal owner(s) of the business entity listed as the registered owner. The names of the principal adult owners shall be treated by the premium staff as the exhibitors’ names and shall be used by premium staff to identify commonality of names when implementing credentialing policies and rules regarding the maximum number of animals permitted to show or the maximum number of premiums that can be earned in any given class.”

2. What is the background that led to the adoption of the new rule?

It has been determined that certain livestock classes have become less competitive when adult exhibitors have chosen to register some of their animals under a farm name and some of their animals under the adults’ individual names and then proceed to enter classes with a total of 4 animals (2 registered in the farm name and 2 under their own names). Under such a scenario, if the adult owners of the farm under which animals are registered (farm name) are the same as the names of the individual adults in whose name animals in the same class have been registered and entered, starting with the 2023 Fair, these entries will be considered as having come from the same exhibitor(s) (farm name and individual adult exhibitors) and will be counted on a combined basis when determining compliance with the departmental rules limiting the number of entries to two. In classes where entries are made in pairs/groups, the farm name/adult exhibitors are limited to one entry in terms of a pair or group.

The choice by adults who are the principal owners of a farm to register an animal in a farm name should not be allowed to create an opportunity for those same adults to enter additional animals registered in their individual names to circumvent department rules which limit exhibitors to showing no more than two animals or earn no more than two premiums in any given class.

3. How will the new rule be implemented?

When creating an exhibitor account for purposes of entering animals whose registration will be in a farm name, the exhibitor should enter the farm name in both the first and second fillable fields under First Name and Last Name headers.

Next, the exhibitor must list the name(s) of the adult owners of the farm in the next fillable field labeled “Owner(s) Name(s)”.

EXAMPLE:

Farm Name Registered Owner: Shady Maple Farm, LLC.
Exhibitor First Name: Shady Maple Farm, LLC.
Exhibitor Last Name: Shady Maple Farm, LLC.
Owners' Names: Bob and Kathy Brown

Individual Name Registered Owner: Bob Brown
Exhibitor First Name: Bob
Exhibitor Last Name: Brown

Individual Name Registered Owner: Kathy Brown
Exhibitor First Name: Kathy
Exhibitor Last Name: Brown

Joint Name Registered Owner: Bob and Kathy Brown
Exhibitor First Name: Bob and Kathy
Exhibitor Last Name: Brown

Under this example, Shady Maple Farms, LLC., Bob Brown or Kathy Brown, or Bob and Kathy Brown, only two animals owned by any combination of these four possible names or combinations of names can be entered in any given class or be eligible to earn premiums in that class. Two animals entered under the farm name would make ineligible additional animals sought to be entered in the same class under either Bob Brown or Kathy Brown's or Bob and Kathy Brown's names.

4. Does this rule have any impact on animals owned by any of the leasing programs recognized by the Fair?
No. This ownership/exhibitor rule does not apply to the leasing program circumstances.