

DEPARTMENT Q
Berkeley County Youth Fair
2026 Rate of Gain Contest

1. This contest is open to all participating youth exhibiting market steers, market lambs, market goats, and market hogs at the 2026 Berkeley County Youth Fair.
2. Exhibitors may enter two animals per species in the contest but only the animal brought to the 2026 Berkeley County Youth Fair on Saturday, August 1, 2026, will be eligible for awards. All participating animals must be tagged during the scheduled check-in date for the specific species.
3. In order to participate in this contest and establish a beginning weight, all market animals must be tagged and weighed at the designated check-in dates as specified below:
 - Saturday, December 13, 2025 – 8 am – 10 am - Market Steer Check-in
 - Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 6 am – 9 am – Market Hog Check-in
 - Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 9 am – 11 am – Market Lamb Check-in
 - Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 9 am – 11 am – Market Goat Check-in
4. Ending weight will be taken at the Fair weigh-in on Saturday, August 1, 2026.
5. Optional Weigh dates:
 - Wednesday, June 17, 2026 – 6 pm – 8 pm – Optional Weigh in All Market species (6 weeks to fair)
6. Animals must meet the minimum and maximum weights for the specific species as outlined in the Berkeley County Youth Fair Livestock Rules and Regulations to be eligible for these awards. They must take part in their respective market show during the 2026 Berkeley County Youth Fair.
7. Youth are only eligible for one award per species of livestock. Exhibitors may participate in more than one species.
8. Awards will be presented to the top 3 placing animals per species. Awards will be presented during the 2026 Parade of Champions.