

Shelby County 4-H
Early Animal Release Procedure
(Milking Dairy Cattle Females & Swine ONLY)

To ensure the safety of animals and exhibitors while maintaining fairgrounds cleanliness and organization, the following procedure will apply for early animal release:

1. Eligibility for Early Release
 - Animals may be released at 9:00pm on the night of their respective livestock show.
 - Exhibitors wishing to release animals early must complete the required steps below.
2. Early Release Card
 - An Early Release Card must be completed and submitted at livestock check-in on Sunday, June 14, 2026.
 - Cards will be reviewed and approved by the appropriate Project Superintendent(s) and/or the 4-H Youth Educator.
3. Release Process
 - Approved animals may not leave the fairgrounds prior to 9:00pm on the night of their show.
 - Trucks and trailers may not line up prior to 9:00pm.
 - All animal releases and check-outs must be conducted in the presence of the Project Superintendent(s) and/or the 4-H Youth Educator.
 - Exhibitors are responsible for the safe and orderly removal of animals from the fairgrounds.
4. Pen/Stall Cleanout Requirement
 - Pens/stalls must be completely cleaned out the same night the animal is released.
 - Bedding, feed and waste must be removed and placed in designated disposal areas before the exhibitor leaves the fairgrounds.
 - The Project Superintendent(s) and/or the 4-H Youth Educator must confirm that cleanout has been completed before release is considered final.
5. Accountability
 - Early release approval is contingent upon compliance with all steps in this procedure.
 - Failure to properly clean stalls/pens, follow release rules or complete the check-out process with the designated authority may result in loss of premiums, awards or eligibility for future early release.