



## **Santa Cruz County Fair Prop 12 Notice New for 2022!**

**Market Hog exhibitors at the 2022 fair will be required to provide breeder certification that the hog they are entering was farrowed in compliance with Prop 12.**

### **1. What is Proposition 12?**

Proposition 12 is a ballot initiative passed in 2018 by California voters that prohibits confining farm animals (egg-laying hens, veal calves and breeding pigs) in a cruel manner and prohibits the sale of products (eggs, veal meat and pork meat) from farm animals confined in a cruel manner into California commerce.

### **2. What are the minimum confinement standards for these farm animals?**

All of these farm animals must be confined in a housing system in a manner that allows the animal to lie down, stand up fully extend limbs, and turn around freely.

Breeding pigs must have a minimum of 24 square feet of useable floor space per breeding pig. Breeding and gestation crates are NOT allowed. Farrowing crates ARE allowed.

What does this mean for livestock exhibitors?

- If products from your fair animals will be sold in California in 2022, buyers, processors & retailers of these products will likely require written documentation of compliance with the law.
- If showing market hogs, the breeder of the market hogs must confine breeding pigs according to Prop. 12. Breeders will be asked to provide documentation of compliance with the law to ensure whole pork meat from the show pig will have access to the resale market in California.

Santa Cruz County Fair has provided a Compliance Form template for exhibitors to utilize for the 2022 Santa Cruz County Fair Junior Livestock Show and Auction on its website. This letter will be required, along with the bill of sale or self-breeding statement, no later than August 25, 2022. Documents may be uploaded through the online entry system when it is open. Original documents will be required at the weigh-in scale. More information will be available on the Fair's website as it becomes available. If you will be purchasing your animal between now and July 14 (ownership deadline), please have your breeder fill out and sign a compliance form.

<https://www.santacruzcountyfair.com/livestock>

**Proposition 12 requirements went into effect on January 1, 2022.** Full statute text can be viewed here: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Prop12.html>