

# **Ashe County Livestock Working Facility Policies**

## **Availability**

1. The Ashe County Livestock Working Facility (hereinafter "facility") is an Ashe County owned facility designed to accommodate Ashe County farmers and other affiliated groups and organizations.
2. These individuals and groups have priority use of the facility over other entities.
3. The facility is rented on a first-come, first-served basis. Advanced scheduling is required.
4. The facility's governing board reserves the right to refuse any request to use the facility based on concern for the health, safety, and welfare of the users, invited guests, or the public, as well as for the protection and security of the facility. They may also refuse to grant access or remove use privileges to anyone who has not followed the rules previously.

## **Rules**

1. The individual or sponsoring organization (hereinafter "lessee") shall be responsible for the wellbeing and conduct of all those in attendance at the event while using the facility. The lessee must arrange an adequate number of workers to handle livestock safely and efficiently.
2. Lessee is solely responsible for the sanitation and cleanliness of facility, as well as care of the equipment and grounds. This includes the interior of the conference/scale room and the restroom, as well as the grounds around the working facility. All used supplies and debris should be disposed of in a trash receptacle provided by the lessee. If the facility has any damages or was not left in a clean state as determined by the campus director or the facility's governing board, a \$100 cleaning fee will be required. In the event there are damages to the facility or any equipment, the lessee is responsible for paying in full the costs of all repairs within thirty (30) days of rental.
3. Lessee must be trained on the use of said equipment prior to rental to the satisfaction of the campus manager or the governing board.
4. Lessee shall hold harmless Ashe County, its employees, agents, the Ashe County Commissioners, the livestock facility governing board, and campus manager from all claims, demands, damages, injuries, or any other financial demands (including without limitation attorney's fees and expenses) due to any actions, errors or omissions of the lessees or its invited guests.
5. No illegal drugs and/or substances or alcohol will be allowed on the grounds of the facility.

6. No tape, nails, pins, screws, or any other device may be used to affix signs, posters, etc. to any wall or surface in the working facility, any equipment, panels, unless otherwise approved in writing by the facility manager.
7. Ashe County reserves the right to cancel activities in the event of extenuating circumstances such as natural disasters, any act of war, or other catastrophic natural event or act of God. However, every effort will be made to honor approved reservations. A 48-hour notice, if possible, will be given to the lessee.
8. Lessee shall notify the facility manager of any cancellation or change of time/date of any reservation within 48 hours of scheduled event.
9. Only the facility manager or their designee may operate the scales. The lessee will ensure weighing area is free of debris, manure, or hazards.
10. All livestock will leave the facility on the same day. We do not allow boarding of livestock overnight.
11. Avoid overcrowding pens and handle livestock humanely.
12. Keep all gates closed when not in use.
13. No animals should be left unattended.
14. Grounds and equipment must be left in equal to or better condition than when you arrived. Failure to do so will result in loss of facility privileges.

## **Charges**

Please visit the website, [www.asheagriculture.com](http://www.asheagriculture.com), for rental fee information.