

4-H LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENTS

1. 4-H'ers in grades 4th through 12th are eligible to show. A 4-H'er becomes ineligible to exhibit beyond the county level at the end of the calendar year of high school graduation (or that equivalent).
2. Dates to remember:
 - January 15:** All market beef projects must be weighed and positively identified.
 - February 27:** Jr. Feeder & Background ID's/scale tickets due to Extension Office.
 - May 1:** Last day to enroll new members in 4-H and still be eligible to exhibit at the county fair. (New members can enroll year round.)
 - May 1:** Last day to drop or change enrollments.
 - May 15:** **All Animal ID Sheet are Due in Extension Office.**
Late ID's not accepted.
 - June 30:** **Animal Fair Entry Forms due in Extension Office**
3. All 4-H livestock show entries **MUST** be made through the County Extension Office on the Fair Entry Forms by June 30.
4. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
5. **NO animal may be removed from trailer or put in a pen until health checked by the species superintendent. If superintendent has a question about the animal's health, the animal may not be penned until checked in by the vet.**
6. Dress Code: All 4-H exhibitors will present themselves in an image appropriate to 4-H while in the show ring. Example: Plain white shirt, or 4-H club shirt, appropriate jeans or slacks and hard sole shoes. Exhibit number must be pinned on back.
7. Weigh-in times in ALL livestock classes will be strictly observed.
8. Ear tags must be in place before entering the fairgrounds or they will NOT be able to be on exhibition.
9. Feed & bedding must be brought to the fair, each member shall see that the supply is stacked, in order to keep a neat appearance of all stall and aisles in the club department.
10. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition at all fairs holding membership in the International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions.
11. Any exhibitor may substitute a boy or girl of club age to show their entry in case of sickness. The substitute, however, must be approved by the superintendent of the department.
12. All members **MUST** fit their projects for the showing without the aid of outside help other than parents, grandparents, brothers or sisters, B.V. County 4-H leaders, or B.V. County 4-H club members on show date.
 - a. If someone is caught violating this rule, the superintendents have the right to disqualify the exhibitor of that species from the show.
 - b. Exhibitor will be disqualified from the show ring.
13. If there is no competition in a class, ribbons and premiums will be awarded according to the quality of the project as indicated by the judge. It may be possible to obtain a white ribbon if, in the opinion of the judge, the project does not warrant a higher classification.
14. **All livestock and pens MUST be kept clean throughout the fair. Exhibitors will be given warnings if they fail to comply. More than TWO warnings will be sufficient grounds for forfeiture of premium.**
15. All stalls and pens **MUST** be cleaned after livestock is removed. Instructions for manure handling will be posted in each barn. Exhibitors should report to the show ring to assist with clean-up. Failure to assist with clean-up may result in forfeiture of premium.
16. All animal departments are responsible to set up and take down the show ring and clean-up the audience area.
17. Payment of premiums will be made by the Fair Board to all 4-H clubs following the Fair.
18. All 4-H members must adhere to the rules made by the superintendent in each department in which the members are going to exhibit.
19. If one or more animals are missing from a "Pen Project," that project will receive a

ribbon placing ONE lower than what was originally awarded. i.e. pen of eight, pen of three, etc.

20. The B.V. County 4-H Executive Committee reserves the right to make final decisions on any discrepancies that may arise. Any failure to comply with the rules as listed in the Fair Book will be sufficient grounds for the member to forfeit his premium.
21. All 4-H exhibitors are responsible for their livestock until it is loaded after the fair.
22. New classes within each division will be established as needed by the sub-committees and 4-H Executive Committee.
23. **ALL ANIMALS PENNED AND SHOWN DURING THE FAIR MUST STAY THE DURATION OF THE FAIR OR FORFEIT PREMIUM.**
24. Any livestock or small animal exhibitor who is unable to bring an animal exhibit due to illness or death may submit a notebook containing pictures, a story and records kept. Please include an explanation as to why exhibit will not be exhibited. (Can enter as a static project).
25. Any FFA exhibitor wanting to exhibit in a 4-H class must abide by all 4-H class rules.

FSQA (Food Safety & Quality Assurance) REQUIREMENTS

In 2009, all 4-H'ers exhibiting swine, beef, sheep (market and breeding), dairy (cattle and goat), rabbits, and poultry at the Buena Vista County Fair, Clay County Fair, and Iowa State Fair are required to have 4-H FSQA certification.

The guidelines are as follows:

- Youth, ages 9-11 by January 1, must recertify in FSQA annually.
- Youth, ages 12-14 by January 1, can attend a training annually or complete a test which will certify them until they turn 15.
- Youth, ages 15-18 by January 1, can attend a training annually or complete a test which will certify them until they turn 19.

4-H SHOWMANSHIP DEPARTMENT

1. Showmanship classes will be offered in all livestock departments, including swine.
2. To participate in Showmanship classes, 4-H members must be enrolled in exhibiting animals in that species at the Buena Vista County Fair. The 4-H'er must be owner of the animal they are exhibiting for showmanship.
3. Those interested are asked to be in the show area when the class is called.
4. Three divisions: Junior-4th, 5th, 6th grades; Intermediate-7th and 8th grades; Senior-9th through 12th grades. Senior division will show first.
5. The judge will pick a top show person in each class. The rest of the participants will be placed blue, red, or white.
6. Members are expected to fit and show their own animals without the aid of outside help other than parents, grandparents, brothers or sisters, Buena Vista County 4-H leaders, or Buena Vista County 4-H club members on show date.
7. Judging will be done according to the following guidelines:
 - Exhibitor - appearance, attitude, interest.
 - Animal - condition, cleanliness, grooming/clipping.
 - Presentation-leading, posing, response to direction and use of necessary equipment (if any).
8. Apparel for showmanship: white shirt or club shirt, blue jeans, and number on back.
HATS MAY BE WORN FOR HORSE SHOW ONLY.

OVERALL SHOWMANSHIP

1. Senior 4-H members placing 1st in showmanship of each of the five species; beef, horse, sheep, swine and dairy will have the opportunity to compete in the overall showmanship division.
2. 4-H'ers will be judged individually by a superintendent from each of the five species. Animal "showmanship" and "knowledge" about each species will be determined by the 4-H Superintendents. Up to ten points will be awarded for each species.
3. A five minute time period for questions and animal handling will be allowed for each participant with each species.
4. The overall total of points awarded will determine "Overall Showmanship" trophy winner.

5. A “traveling” trophy will be awarded each year. The trophy will be returned each year by the previous winner for the new competition. If a 4-H'er receives the trophy three consecutive times, the trophy will be theirs to keep.

MASTER PRODUCER AWARDS

1. Junior Feeder Pens shown at the Buena Vista County fair will be eligible for the Master Beef Producer's Award, Pen of Three Sheep shown at the Buena Vista County Fair will be eligible for the Master Sheep Producer's Award, and Pen of Eight Swine shown at the Buena Vista County Fair will be eligible for the Master Swine Producer's Award.
2. This award is evaluated from the 4-H member's record book and is based on the following:
 - a. Must have bona fide weigh-in slip
 - b. Accurate, neat, and efficient record book 20 points
 - c. Cost of gain 25 points
 - d. Daily rate of gain 20 points
 - e. Return per dollar invested 25 points
 - f. Feeding arrangements at home 10 points
 - g. Placing at Fair:

Blue Ribbon	10 points
Red Ribbon	7 points
White Ribbon	5 points
3. 4-H'ers **must turn in record book with completed records** to be considered for the Master Producer Award in his or her species.
4. If a member exhibits more than one pen in a species, **ONLY** one pen may qualify for the Master Producer Award.
5. Cash awards to the ribbon winners are as follows: Blue ribbon - \$15; Red ribbon - \$10; and White ribbon - \$5. These checks will be presented at the 4-H Award's Day.
6. A plaque will be awarded to the overall winner.
7. A 4-Her may win the plaque only once per species, but may be eligible for other placements.

4-H HERDSMANSHIP

1. The 4-H members will oversee their own exhibit area and it is expected that the following areas participate: Beef, Jr. Feeders, Goats, Swine, Sheep, Dairy and Horse-Pony Departments.
2. Premiums will be awarded in Beef, Junior Feeders, Goats, Swine, Sheep, Dairy and Horse-Pony Departments.

Herdsmanship awards will be based on the following criteria:

1. General Cleanliness of Barn
 - a. Watering points and drains kept clean.
 - b. Alleys swept clean, free as possible of dirt and straw.
2. Attendants
 - a. Courtesy of the attendants to the public.
3. Cleanliness of pens and storage area.
 - a. Bedding adequate, dry, clean and in place.
 - b. Manure hauled out and deposited in proper place.
 - c. Individual storage area behind pens clean.
4. Arrangement of exhibits
 - a. Feed pans, extra feed and miscellaneous gear in area provided.
 - b. Equipment lined up in attractive manner. Limited amount of straw and extra feed on hand.
 - c. Stall cards in place and properly completed by Thursday of fair at 10:00 a.m. Ribbon placements need to be included two hours after show's ending.
5. Appearance of animals
 - a. Animals clean and brushed.
 - b. Animals in pens between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., except when showing.
 - c. Animals are fed and watered properly and timely.