

**AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT  
4-H AND FFA**

**LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES:**

**1.** All entries in this division must be made by members enrolled in FFA, 4-H, or other Extension youth programs. Members must be in good standing in their local club and be enrolled in the project being shown. Exhibitors must have completed 4th grade - 12th grade (graduated in current year).

**2.** Exhibitors must have properly identified their livestock projects in 4-H online with suggested date of May 1<sup>st</sup>, with final date of May 15<sup>th</sup> of the current 4-H year. Rabbits and poultry have a July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for identification online. Animals which must be identified are: dairy cattle, goats, cattle, sheep, swine, dogs, horses, rabbits, and bottle animals. Market beef, sheep, swine and meat goats must have been weighed in and verified in 4-H online by assigned dates. All animals listed in 4-H online of the current 4-H year become your county fair entries. Maximum ID limits for both county and state fair 4-H animals in 4hOnline, (# of animals):

Breeding Beef	10
Market Beef	10
Dairy Cattle	20
Dairy Goats	20
Dog	4
Horse	5 total, Max of 2 leased
Meat Goat (weighed in)	10
Meat Goat (not weighed in)	10
Rabbit	30
Poultry	(not required to ID for State Fair)
Sheep (weighed in)	30
Sheep (not weighed in)	15
Swine (weighed in)	40
Swine (not weighed in)	40

**3.** All exhibitors showing beef, sheep, meat goats, swine, rabbits and/or poultry must FSQA compliant. Members may complete the training, testing or YQCA option. Members must stay current with FSQA to be eligible to show livestock.

**4.** The Livestock Sub-Committee of each division will be responsible for interpreting the rules and regulations for each respective division. In the event of a conflict of placing, all disputes will be settled by the judge and committee of that department

**5.** All exhibits must be on the grounds by Noon on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> (except dogs) and will remain until 8:00 AM on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Removal of project prior to the established release time, without approval, will automatically be cause to withhold all ribbon and sale premiums.

**6.** Livestock (beef, sheep, swine) exhibited as market projects may be sold at the county fair livestock auction on Wednesday starting at 1:00 PM. Projects to be sold at the county fair auction must have been entered and shown at the county fair. Exhibitors wanting to sell their livestock projects at the county fair must notify the Extension office staff immediately following their species show.

**7.** Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered as having changed ownership even though bought back by the original owner and will no longer be considered a 4-H project. Said project cannot be exhibited at any other 4-H shows as a 4-H project. However, all animals sold at the auction will continue to be the responsibility of the member until they are delivered to the purchaser or his/her representative. Premium monies (including ribbon premiums and/or auction premiums) may be withheld from the member at the discretion of the fair board, the department committees, and/or Extension council and staff for failure to act responsibly and in accordance with the 4-H policy.

**8.** Grooming and fitting rules will follow those established by the State Fair. Such rules will be regulated by the departmental committee. Animals being exhibited are to be groomed by the exhibitor as much as possible with assistance from immediate family members or other youth exhibitors only. Painting, dying and use of color agents on beef animals, as well as icing on sheep, is not allowed. Projects which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring. Exhibitors may use coloring or grooming aids on hooves. No artificial tail heads or tail fins will be permitted. Show officials reserve the right to re-inspect an animal for incorrect practices after it has entered the show ring.

**9.** No exhibitor will be allowed to show who does not take charge and care of the project in the show ring. Exhibitors must have animals trained so that they may be exhibited without the aid of an adult. Animals that become wild and uncontrollable and presents a danger to other exhibitors during the show may be declared ineligible and removed from the show ring by the committee.

**10.** Livestock exhibitors are responsible for cleaning stall area or pens used to exhibit entries and assist with final clean up on Thursday night and Friday morning. Clean-up includes moving bedding, etc., from stall area to spreaders, furnished by the committees and/or fair board, and away from the fairgrounds. Cleanup is coordinated with department committee chairman. Premium monies (including ribbon premiums and/or auction premiums) may be withheld at the discretion of the fair board, the department committees, and/or Extension staff for failure to clean-up responsibly.

**11.** Violative Drugs. To knowingly send an animal to slaughter with a residue of any violative drugs is a violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Failure to comply with regulations will result in fines, prison sentences or both. Veterinarians should be aware of these laws as well and should not distribute violative drugs for use on show stock going to slaughter.

**12.** Substitute Showman. Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his/her project defeats one of the important objectives of youth work; therefore, the use of substitute showman will only be accepted in case of injury or serious illness. A substitute showman must be of 4-H age. Approval to use a substitute must be given by the committee in advance of the show.

**13.** Dress Code - Beef, sheep, swine, and small animal exhibitors must wear a 4-H or FFA shirt while exhibiting in the show ring. No hats or caps in the show ring. Violators will be dropped one ribbon group in the show and will not be eligible to participate in showmanship. Beef exhibitors should wear hard toed boots or shoes. Horse exhibitors should check the rules in the horse department for dress rules.

**14.** Ribbon Premiums: Exhibits will be rated purple, blue, red, and white ribbon groups. The amount of ribbon premium to be paid will be pro-rated.

**15.** If an exhibitor wants to sell extra animals on the truck, it needs to be cleared with the extension office, the trucker and a weigh ticket is required.

**16. Clubs will be expected to fulfill their obligations during the fair in the food shack, 4-H exhibit building clean-up, and daily grounds cleanup or the fair board may withhold ribbon premiums for the club.**