

4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE

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(For more information regarding the Livestock and Sale, contact Tom Benton, Livestock Sales Committee Chairperson, or contact the Tri-River Area Extension Office.)

A. **ANIMAL HEALTH AND SAFETY:** All livestock must meet Colorado import requirements and Federal Interstate requirements. Any animal found showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable disease or any animal deemed to present a danger to the health, safety or welfare of the participants or spectators by the Project Superintendent will be immediately withdrawn from the show and the owner will take the animal home. Animals which are aesthetically displeasing to the general public will be sent home. Any livestock deemed un-controllable by show management (superintendents, leader, Extension Agent/FFA Advisor, & Judge) shall be withdrawn and taken home. Animals that are febrile will be evaluated for heat stress. Animals are to be castrated, with the castration site clearly healed prior to tagging. All animals with retained testicles will be sent home. Male beef, sheep, goats, and swine having one or both testicles retained in or outside of the body cavity are not eligible for showing in market classes. All pro-lapses will be sent home.

All market heifers must be accompanied by a health certificate, issued by a licensed veterinarian, verifying a **blood pregnancy test of "OPEN"**, within 30 days of fair.

B. **HERDSMAN (Project Leadership Award):** A Herdsman Award may be given in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions of each animal category. Individuals will be chosen for animal care, care of pens and alleyways, feed, supplies, and tack placements when not in use and assistance to leaders and superintendents in pen assignments, set-ups, and clean-ups. Individuals will also be evaluated on participation in 4-H/ FFA related events during the year as well as their assistance to other members in the program.

C. **BARN LIGHTS:** Livestock barn lights will be turned off at 11:00 p.m.

D. **BARN RULES:** All stall users must check in with the Project Superintendent for assignment of stalls ***PRIOR TO UNLOADING OF ANIMALS.***

E. **EXHIBITOR FEES:** All livestock exhibitors will be charged a \$10 entry fee. This is a single fee regardless of number of species. In addition, beef, sheep, goat, and swine will have a \$5 per animal fee which will be collected and first weigh-in for market animals and with fair pre- entry for breeding animals (all swine will be due with nomination forms). All poultry, rabbits, dogs and pocket pets will have a \$3 per head fee.

RULE 1: The Mesa County Junior Livestock show will be held at the Mesa County Fairgrounds on Highway 50 during the week of July 24-28, 2018. Entries are open to regularly-enrolled FFA and 4-H club members of Mesa County (student must be currently enrolled or graduated from a Mesa County school program) and who have met the May 1 enrollment deadline.

RULE 2: Each exhibitor may enter and show 2 market beef, 2 market sheep, 2 market goats and 2 market swine. One swine and one sheep may be designated for the carcass contest. Exhibitor will be allowed to sell only one lot in the Junior Livestock Sale. One lot consists of 1 beef or 1 sheep or 1 swine or 1 goat or 1 turkey or 1 pen of 3 rabbits or 1 pen of 3 chickens. Only one (1) under/overweight animal may be kept on the fairgrounds for showmanship. All other underweight, overweight and extra animals will be taken home following the weigh-ins. No animal that is designated as "market" at first weigh in/ nomination may be shown in a breeding class at fair. Likewise, no animal designated for breeding may be shown in a market class at fair. This applies to animals nominated for State Fair as well.

RULE 3: Pre-Entries:

- A. Entry information may be obtained from the CSU Extension Office and FFA Vocational Agriculture Instructor.
- B. 4-H Leaders or Vocational Agriculture Leader must certify on the pre-entry as to ownership and project enrollment of the exhibitor. **Plus verify the exhibitor is in good standing.**
- C. Pre-entry forms are required in the extension office on or before 5:00 P.M. June 15, 2018.
- D. No one animal can be entered as both a 4-H and FFA project.
- E. No partnership entries will be accepted. (Exception of horse and all horses must be nominated for show by May 1st as a joint animal.)
- F. Market animals exhibited at the Mesa County Fair may not be shown/ exhibited by any individual other than the junior livestock exhibitor at any show prior to the Mesa County Fair.

RULE 4: Livestock awards will be based on the American System. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th placing will be awarded in each class on the basis of the animals' numerical standing.

RULE 5: The sale order shall be Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion followed by class placing. No Sifted animals will be sold.

- A. All market animals (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry) will be graded for market readiness by the judge during the market shows. If the judge determines an animal is not market ready, the exhibitor will be given a "white ribbon" and the animal will be considered "sifted" which makes that animal ineligible for sale at the Junior Livestock Sale. The judge will make determinations based on industry standards for each respective species.
- B. All market lambs except Whiteface and Southdown must weigh **100-170 lbs.**, market Whiteface and Southdown must weigh **80-170 lbs.**, and also, all lambs must have gained a minimum of **20 lbs.**

between first weigh in and fair to be eligible for a market class. Lambs not reaching minimum weight and/ or not achieving minimum gain will be placed in a feeder class and ineligible for the sale.

- C. Market swine must weigh **235-290 lbs.** to be eligible for a market class. Swine not reaching minimum weight will be placed in a feeder class and ineligible for the sale.
- D. Market goats must weight **60 –110 lbs.** and have gained a minimum of **15 lbs.** between first weigh in and fair to be eligible for a market class. Goats not reaching minimum weight and/ or not achieving minimum gain will be placed in a feeder class and ineligible for the sale.
- E. After weigh-in, all livestock will be divided into near equal classes by the superintendents. The superintendents' decision will be final as to the classification and class breaks.
- F. Only animals shown in market classes and determined to be market ready will be sold. Once an animal is identified for the sale at the fair, that animal may not be substituted for another animal after the sale.
- G. Any carcass of a market animal that is condemned is the responsibility of the seller.
- H. **The judge has the final decision in determining if an animal is market ready, the judge's placings in the livestock classes will be used in preparing the sale order.**

RULE 6: There will be no second animal buy-backs at the fair. A list of buy-back buyers will be available, and it is the Member's responsibility to contact these buyers and arrange for a private treaty. All extra animals must be taken home or designated as private treaty animals on disposition forms.

- RULE 7:
- A. All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions of the Market show must be sold at auction after they have been exhibited and placed. IF AN EXHIBITOR RECEIVES GRAND CHAMPION IN MULTIPLE MARKET SPECIES, ALL MUST SELL AT AUCTION.
 - B. All animals will be sold as singles and will be delivered to local packing houses at no cost to buyer. (Exceptions: Rabbits and poultry will be sold as a pen of three).
 - C. All animals become the property of the buyer at the point of sale.
 - D. Exhibitors will be charged 4% of selling price including "Add-ons" to be deducted at sale time to defray marketing costs.
- E. Bidding is open to the buying public.
 - F. Purchase price will be computed immediately following the sale.
 - G. Exhibitors' market animals that are sold through the Junior Livestock sale and are held for additional testing will have their check held until the testing is cleared.
 - H. Exhibitors who sell an animal in the Junior Livestock Sale are required to provide written documentation from the buyer, prior to picking up their sale check. If an individual fails to provide documentation by October 1st, then the individual will be ineligible to participate in the Junior Livestock Sale the following year.
 - A. Market animals will be weighed at the scheduled time or class assignments. All livestock must be on the grounds by time specified in the schedule.
 - B. Sale weight will be based on weight of animals at the fair weigh-in with a 2% pencil shrink calculated for sale purposes.
- C. Absolutely no re-weighs.

RULE 9: Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their stock properly fed, watered, and bedding cleaned. Penalties such as forfeiture of premium and/or exclusion from Livestock Sale may be imposed at the discretion of the Show Management Committee and Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB). All animals must be fed and watered daily by 10:00am and 10:00pm. **No straw will be allowed. No muddy pens will be allowed. NOTE:** Livestock exhibitors will be required to store their extra feed and bedding in a club stall or trailer. If you choose not to follow these above items, then your pen will be red tagged and subjected to being fined.

RULE 10: All entries are accepted with the understanding that neither the Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB) or the sponsoring groups shall be held responsible for any damage, accidents, or loss of livestock on exhibit or for sale.

RULE 11: Exhibitors are required to enter showmanship **except swine where showmanship is optional and must be designated on Pre- entries.** Exhibitors must be present to show their own animal. First year members may show in the novice class, then must show in their age division. All requests for exceptions must be presented in writing directly to Extension Office and will be considered by the 4-H Agent /FFA Advisors and specie's superintendent. Any substitutes must be regularly enrolled 4-H/ FFA members in Mesa County.

Classes will be divided when the amount of entries exceeds the number designated by the Superintendent.

The Judge will consider:

1. Appearance of Animal.....20%
2. Showing of Animal.....50%
3. Courtesy and Appearance of Exhibitor....15%

4. Knowledge.....15%

- RULE 12: 4-H and FFA can show in open shows. No animal that will be shown in the Mesa County 4-H and FFA beef, swine, sheep or goat market shows can be shown in the Open Class Show.
- RULE 13: Exhibitors will be limited to two entries per breeding class, excluding Poultry and Rabbits.
- RULE 14: At least five eligible animals of a breed must be entered in a class to be judged as a regular class. Incomplete classes of one sex and breed may be combined to constitute a special mixed-age class. It will be left up to the Judges' discretion as to whether an animal in an incomplete class merits advancement to Reserve and Grand Champion competition.
- RULE 15: Specific breed divisions will be entered in the fair Exhibitors Guide in future years only if enough animals were entered of that breed the previous year to judge for Champion and Reserve Champion, either sex. (See Rule 14) Breeding classes will be added as entries at the fair indicate a need.
- RULE 16: Breeding Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in a breed only if two or more regular classes exist in that category. 1st and 2nd place winners of regular and special classes would be eligible to compete.
- RULE 17: Fair management will make every attempt to have a veterinarian on the grounds or on call for each day of the fair. If a veterinarian is called for a special problem, the owner of the animal in question must be present when the vet arrives. The owner is responsible for any and all expenses incurred.
- RULE 18: 4-H AND FFA CLUB GROUPS OF THREE: Each 4-H and FFA club may enter one group of three Market Steers/Heifers, Lambs, and Hogs which it feels best represents the club. To be eligible, all animals in the group must have been shown in the regular 4-H and FFA Market Class, met all requirements in that class, and be shown in this special class by its owner. The club must represent three different owners. Each club may appoint no more than one herdsman to assist this group in the ring. Their herdsman must be a bona fide exhibitor from the club. It is not necessary for individual animals to be identified or pre-entered in this special class prior to show date.
- RULE 19: No tranquilizers and/or anesthetics may be used as a means of calming a show animal. There are no labeled tranquilizers or anesthetics for meat animal use.
- RULE 20: All market animals administered feed additives and/or growth stimulants must be removed from such additives and/or stimulants within the time specified on the label.
- RULE 21: All market animal exhibitors will be required to sign a "statement of disclosure" listing all antibiotics, medications, pesticides or other substances that have been administered to or used on or in the animal (60) sixty days prior to the 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Sale.
- DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS ARE DUE AT FAIR WEIGH-IN.**
- RULE 22: Unethical practices - THIS APPLIES TO ALL ANIMALS: The following are termed unethical practices. The first violation of these rules will result in a written warning issued by the superintendent. The second violation will automatically result in disqualification.
- A. No dressing will be allowed that is not labeled as "APPROVED FOR ANIMAL USE" or cleared through the species superintendent.
 - B. Any grooming materials on an entry when rubbed with cloth or glove which shows evidence of artificial color. This does not apply to hoof dressings used on hooves.
 - C. Any entries adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or any hair or hair-like substance.
 - D. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited.
 - E. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method, which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body.
 - F. No drench guns or artificial device for hydrating or feeding of animals will be allowed. Drenching will approved only under veterinary care.
 - G. Any mistreatment of animals by exhibitors, parents, leaders or spectators will not be tolerated.
- No animal shall be decorated with unnecessary trappings, etc. Changing the color of hair, feathers, or wool at any point, spot or area on the animal's body or any grooming materials that allow color to come off from any animal will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. Any animals that do not pass a random swatch test will be disqualified. The Mesa County Executive Fair Board reserves the right to exclude from the grounds, any exhibit or animal, or entry that may be falsely entered, and also reserves the right to exclude those deemed undesirable, or objectionable without assigning a reason therefore.
- RULE 23: Grooming: While on the fairgrounds, it is expected that animals exhibited in any Junior Show be trained, fitted, and dressed for show competition by the junior exhibitor. Junior exhibitors are expected to prepare their own project animal for exhibition. Senior members are encouraged to provide assistance and support for younger members. If assistance is needed for reasons of safety, then another exhibitor, a Mesa County 4-H Leader, parent, or a Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB) Official can provide assistance. If assistance is provided, the member enrolled in the project must be present to benefit from the teaching and instruction. Once on the fairgrounds, there will be **NO** charging for (clipping, shearing fitting, or etc) to an animal by anyone, with the

exception of vet services. If this is violated, the consequences will be decided upon by the Show Management Committee.

RULE 24: Showing: All animals being exhibited in the Junior Shows must be shown by a Mesa County 4-H member or FFA members. No 4-Hers from other counties will be allowed to show.

RULE 25: Dress Code: The dress code will be enforced at any time an exhibitor enters the show ring to show or sell an animal. The Exhibitor will wear long or short sleeve dress shirts, buttoned up if applicable, with neckline being as high as the top button of a standard dress shirt. Collars are required. Long pants or skirts are to be worn and appropriate foot wear (NO open toed-shoes). Leather (or leather look alike), western or work style boots are required for all livestock exhibitors. All exhibitors must enter the show ring clean and neatly groomed. Also review specific animal categories for more information. **NO wearing sports memorabilia in to the show ring or sale ring.**

RULE 26: Meat Quality Assurance: The Wholesome Meat Act requirement will be administered on a levels program. All new members will be required to complete the Wholesome Meat Workshop, and then as the member moves from the Junior level to the Senior level, there will be a refresher workshop. Every exhibitor will be required to sign a "Commitment to Excellence" acknowledgment and turn it in with the pre-entry card.

RULE 27: Marketing Training Class: Each exhibitor who plans to sell an animal in the Junior Livestock Sale their first year must attend a training class which explains the sell process and the recruitment of buyers.

RULE 28: Show Ring Code of Ethics: Each exhibitor will sign a statement that they have read, agree and consent to abide by the code of ethics as outlined below. This statement will be turned in with pre-entries, prior to the fair.

- A. When requested by show officials, be able to show proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered.
- B. When requested by show officials, provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian.
- C. Junior exhibitors will care for and groom their own animals while at the fair or show.
- D. Animals which will enter the food chain must be free of drug residues or foreign substances. For all animals, drugs may only be used in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial laws. Any treatments at the show involving medications for the health of the animal must be administered by a licensed veterinarian. Show Management or regulatory officials may take any samples they wish for testing.
- E. Changing the animals' performance, natural contour, conformation, or appearance through surgery, injection or application of substances such as irritants or counter-irritants is prohibited.
- F. Showing and handling practices or devices to cause swelling are prohibited.
- G. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, Show Management, other exhibitors or breed representatives is prohibited at all times. Problems will be resolved through appropriate channels.
- H. No one may conspire, contribute to or cooperate with others to violate this code, either by their action or inaction.
- I. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and participants are absolutely responsible for an animal's condition whether or not they did something in violation themselves or knew of treatment that violates the code.
- J. Exhibitors upon entry consent to disciplinary action for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics, including publishing the infraction and violators' names.
- K. Exhibitors verify that they have read and understand the Code of Ethics, as well as the consequences and penalties for violations. Exhibitors understand that evidence of violation of any law will be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities.

RULE 29: Leaders/Parents/and Spectators, will be expected to follow the "Show Ring Code of Ethics". If problems arise; Show Management and the MCFB will issue a warning and if the behavior or issue does not change (and/or) continues, then the individual(s) will be removed from the area or grounds.

RULE 30: Dispositions - Exhibitors are responsible for notifying division superintendents of the disposition of all animals. Disposition forms are due by 9 AM Friday morning. Failure to turn in a disposition form on time will result in the exhibitor being excluded from the Junior Livestock Sale. The Junior Livestock Marketing Committee will be solely responsible for any forms accepted past this deadline.

RULE 31: All Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats must have a Mesa County ear tag in place to weigh-in at fair. It is the responsibility of the **Exhibitor** to notify **their Leader or the project superintendent** if any animal has lost an ear tag prior to fair. A project leader may retag an animal with approval of the superintendent.